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"COSMIC BROTHERS"

ONE of the most extraordinary features of "our subject" — and FSR's regular mailbag still proves it — is the naive but widespread assumption that anything alien, or anything from "Outer Space", must *necessarily* be highly evolved mentally and spiritually, and filled with benevolence and compassion towards mankind.

For at least twenty years past, as the picture unfolded, and more and more encounter cases accumulated in our files, it has become ever more clear that, on the contrary, something very far from pleasant is haunting our planet and our skies. It seems to be true that, during the first few years after 1947 there were a number of reports of what sounded like remarkably "human-like" beings, of our own size or even taller, who appeared to be fine and benevolent, or at the very least "objective". Entirely different from that, however, were the stories of the small, big-headed creatures whose bodies were found in a number of crashed discs. These discrepancies are still not accounted for. It may well be, as we have suggested on many occasions, that noble and agreeable aliens *do* exist, but sad to say, we still have no proof of this, and obviously our own future fate may depend upon it.

But the obsessive desire to believe that anything alien to man has *got* to be good and loving — however ugly and revolting its appearance, dies very hard. And we have seen recently a report which bears out our suspicion that such films as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *E.T.* were actually made at the direct instigation of the nasty creatures. And it is a sad fact that, probably as a direct result of these sort of films, we still have in the world of UFO research groups with such astounding titles as *CONTACT*, or *GET ACQUAINTED PROGRAMME*, etc., etc.

Many years ago, when the present Editor of FSR was the President of BUFORA, he was on the platform at Kensington Public Library when a member of the audience asked him what he thought we ought to do in the event that we saw a UFO land near by. His reply that *"probably the best thing to do would be to pray"* provoked much displeasure, as was predictable.

All the same, it might be well if every one of us keeps in mind the report of the man in Argentina who saw a UFO land and dashed madly towards it shouting *"Amigos!"* only to be knocked to the ground unconscious by a beam from the craft.

REPORT FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA: AN EMERGING EPIDEMIC?

By Graham Conway, FSR Consultant, (British Columbia)

THE last eighteen months (I am writing this in July 1988) have clearly brought about a public awareness of, and, to a remarkable degree, a widespread discussion of — and acceptance of — the *"Contactee-Abduction Phenomenon"*.[1] It may be more accurate to state that this certainly holds true as regards North America, but clearly other countries are focusing on their own brands of interference and are reluctantly admitting that they too are not immune.

Several authors, particularly Budd Hopkins and Whitley Strieber, have certainly been responsible for this opening of the door, with their books, plus the various TV and radio programmes put out throughout Canada. And even more astonishing, to me, was the overnight "about-face" displayed by our media. As if on a signal, the snide remarks and open laughter had all but vanished.

To the "Old Guard", folk like Jacques Vallée, John Keel, Leo Sprinkle, Brad Steiger, all this public revelation was of course long overdue: they had all been saying this for thirty years or more. In fact, John Keel, in his letter to FSR (32/6) had called it *"re-discovering the wheel"*. That is very true, the only difference being that we now have a very different audience. We are into a whole new generation now of involved albeit reluctant witnesses. When Adamski, Fry, Bethurum *et al.* were tramping the lecture circuit, their voices were faint and their audiences small. The shouts of "hoax", "fraud", "money-seeker", were louder and more numerous then. Today we have a generation who were then either not yet born or small children, and who have grown up in a climate that is vastly more "accepting" towards "Space Age" ideas, and where the "impossible" can at least be considered.

Spotlight on British Columbia

My purpose in the present report is to draw attention to some possibly so far unnoticed aspects of the phenomenon. Canada appears so far to be absent from the recently published record. This country stretches for five thousand miles from sea to sea. I must plead forgiveness for citing this obvious fact, but it is necessary, lest I may later find some sharp reader pointing out to me something of which I am not yet aware. So, to "play it safe", I shall concentrate on my own section of the country, the Province of British Columbia, and direct my comments to this Province alone.

Having been engaged in UFO research for forty-two years myself, it was not until 1976 that I came across my first "contactee/abductee". His story had made the headlines in a small-town newspaper, about ten miles from where I live. And his story was absurd — but then *aren't they all*? Having met this man, I could not help being impressed by his personal conviction that he had been *"chosen"*. But there again — *aren't they all*? And he *"had a mission — a job to do"*. *Don't they all*? Today, twelve years later, he and I are still in touch, and his tenacity and sincerity are still as impressive as on Day One.

Since that meeting with him, I have recorded the stories of twenty-seven contactees, with the majority of whom I still maintain a link. Along the way, I have also met others, who have told me similar stories. Of this group of 27, eight are men and nineteen are women, and their ages range from about thirty to sixty. They are principally of the white or Caucasian race, with the exception of one native Canadian Indian. Thirteen of the group are married or involved in a fragile relationship that often shows signs of crumbling because of the ongoing UFO involvement that is not of their seeking.

They also all have the annoying, almost daily interference of *"poltergeist"*-type activity, which is hard to accept and even harder to ignore, and yet harder still to explain to another person, particularly those of the "scientifically-minded" variety.

This group of 27 individuals range from those who report getting unsought images that appear on movie film (one woman has OVER THREE HUNDRED SUCH MOVIES), to cases of bank computers that shut down as soon as the lady in question enters the room; cases of *"one-armed bandits"* that cease to function at Las Vegas; tape-recorders that refuse to work; TV sets that turn off by themselves and come back on again showing a different channel! In addition, we have street-lights that come on or go out as the "subject" approaches the spot; compact-disc-players that eject the record right across the room; cars that won't start for their owners, but will for anybody else; and telephones that are regularly replaced by the Telephone Company every three months because the wires burn out.

Then we have humming and buzzing noises that drive the occupant from a room; odours that nauseate; radio-telephones that switch to the emergency channel without the aid of human hand; black helicopters that are unmarked and have opaque windows; plus smaller red (and also blue) "child-size" "choppers" travelling at high speed at tree-top level, which pursue the victim or buzz his home at roof-top level. You might think this enumeration is enough. But it is only a part of the list!

Some of these people whom I have met have other equally astonishing attributes or faculties. They can see the radio waves inside micro-ovens; feel the degree of heat that radiates from coloured paper; they are monitored (?) by small balls of light; indulge in automatic writing; or, without warning, find themselves involved in scenes from the future or the past, in which they are the observers, *and yet themselves knowing all the thoughts and emotions of the participants (sometimes a truly terrifying and disgusting experience).* They can read minds, see auras, and detect the contents of a package without opening it. And so it goes on . . .

"Body Implants"

In his article *"What They Are Doing To Us"*, in FSR 33/3, Budd Hopkins examined a topic about which, I venture to say, we know very, very little indeed. He relates the story of a man whom he calls "Earl", and the events surrounding "Earl's" unfortunate wife. He describes her as suffering nightmares, and clawing in her sleep at an area near the bridge of her nose, between her eyes, and screaming for them to *"take it out — it's hurting!"*

Well now, in the spring of 1988 I interviewed a family man on Vancouver Island who, when I asked as a mere matter of routine, whether he had any unusual marks on his body, replied: *"No. But I have this little ball[2] by my left eye, near the bridge of my nose".* With that, he pushed gently on the skin, and the resulting white mark showed a small ball clearly delineated. When I asked him how long he had had this ball, he replied: *"About three months before, it was down in my cheek, alongside my right nostril!"*

Some months later, I told this part of that man's story to another very involved abductee, and she said: "Oh — I've got one too — right here — I always wondered what it was!" With that, she pressed on the indentation at the top of the bridge of her nose, and it appeared also on her, though less than in the case of the man quoted above.

In Budd Hopkins' report, "Earl" was forced to watch his wife having a thin probe inserted into her vagina. One woman contactee whom I interviewed in a town north of Vancouver told me that she *"had something inserted on three occasions".* And she said, angrily, "They had tried to make me believe I was doing it myself!"

When I asked her what it was that they had inserted, she replied: *"I don't know what it was. But I do know what it WASN'T".* This happened in her own bedroom, and during the experience she was totally unable to move. This same young, single, lady told me that she felt that "They" had sex with her more than once. When I asked her how she knew this, she replied: *"Because of the odour afterwards".*

This same lady stated in a most emphatic manner *that she has a child somewhere,* and that she vividly recalls breast-feeding it. (Needless to add that she denies ever having been knowingly pregnant.)

The Vancouver lady who has the suspected implant on the bridge of her nose, recalls a very vivid, all-too-real, "dream", in which she is an observer, up in the far corner of a room, watching herself, in an obstetrical position, giving birth to a scaly brown baby that appears to be in a cocoon. Despite her revulsion at the sight, she hears herself screaming *"Don't take my baby away!"* The small shadowy white figures pay no attention to her protests.

I know two ladies who became pregnant. Yet the husband of one of them was sterile, and in the case of the other lady, impregnation from her husband would have been equally impossible, given the circumstances. The first-mentioned of these ladies was visited during the night by two figures that "looked at" the baby in her abdomen, and showed concern for its welfare. And — strange as it may seen — these two mothers, who show all the hallmarks of having been abductees — *have sons called "ADAM"!*

A nurse who works in a hospital near to where I live, tells of a male baby that was delivered in 1972. The mother was a sixteen-year-old native Indian. She had no idea who was the father of the child. This particular baby was so different from other children that the hospital staff actually referred to it always as "THE ALIEN". It was later adopted by a family in another part of British Columbia. Again, in that same year, this same nurse, who was working in the nursery of the hospital, saw another child that struck her as extremely unusual. Over the whole time that it was there, she said it never cried, nor did it ever sleep — at least never when she was on duty. It seemed to communicate with its eyes, and required her to pick it up, and this she frequently did, talking to it a great deal. Although she had quite a large grown family of her own, she says she had an overpowering feeling that this infant was *a part of herself.* Even at that very early age, she felt that the small being could communicate telepathically. It would indeed be interesting to know how many more "strange" babies have been noticed lately in hospitals around the world.

On page 16 of the same issue of FSR (33/3) Budd Hopkins touches upon the emotional upheaval involved in alien contact, and its often tragic results.

I too know of one contactee who is now in a mental institution; of another who is heavily into drugs and alcohol; of another that has attempted suicide; plus one more who has seriously considered suicide.

Along the way, over the years, I have developed a strong rapport with some of these abductees. The result is that they will tell me things that they won't tell even to their own close relatives. This, in itself, can make for some quite considerable and embarrassing difficulties at times, of which one of the very least is the problem of breach of confidence. As researchers in this field will readily confirm, the participants in contactee cases are usually quite paranoid about any disclosure that might in any way identify them. (Knowing what they have gone through and are still going through, I in no way fault them for being unduly cautious.)

Sexual Assaults by "Humans"(?)

Recently something emerged that "blew me away", as we say. In an interview which I had with a single-parent lady, the question of choice of a living location was touched upon. (Contactees appear to move around a lot — maybe subconsciously attempting to escape?) This particular lady told me, jokingly, that her sister-in-law is always "pulling her leg" about not living on the ground floor. Suddenly alerted by this remark, I asked her why? Then it came out that she had been attacked on the street and sexually assaulted.

At that point — figuratively speaking — "the roof fell in" for me. For I suddenly realized that this woman was the FIFTH abductee/contactee of whom I knew who had either been sexually assaulted or sexually abused. Later, when, in a tone of amazement, I was telling all this to yet another woman abductee, she waited quietly until I had finished my account and then added: *"You can make me Number Six."*

Since then, I now make a point, if the circumstances permit, of putting this very question to them right at the outset.

Another contactee of whom I have heard was also the victim of sexual assault. She lives in this same Province of British Columbia, though many hours journey from here.

Talk about double jeopardy! What a horrendous load to have to carry around with you! I cannot help but wonder how many victims of some sort of sexual assault are also abductees, and whether there can be a link? What more motivation for suicide could a woman have than this *duo*!

Body Scars

I would now like to comment on another point in Budd Hopkins' article, namely his mention of *disfiguring scars* on the bodies of abductees.

It happened recently that a lady abductee, a friend of mine, who was suspected of having breast cancer, had to have a routine X-ray examination. While preparing her for the examination, the nurse asked her: "When did you have the operations on your lymph glands?" "Never!" promptly replied my friend. *"Oh, come now"*, said the nurse. *"You must have. You have a scar under each arm!"*

Since then, this lady has found that her husband has a similar scar under one arm, and her mother and her grandson have them too. It is quite possible that her children also have them, but they refuse to comment.

By a remarkable coincidence (?) another family of contactees, who live less than ten miles away, have also reported that one of their members has such a scar.

And once again I ask: dare we to dwell upon this, and dare we to wonder how many others there are around the world who carry this hidden personal record? And for what purpose?

My own researches indicate what has already been announced long ago namely that we have among us, established here already within our society, a new breed of "super-kid".

"The Light People"

We also have contactees who report holding ongoing conversations (during sleep, they think), with beings whom they call *"the light people"*, whose purpose seems to be to educate, to solve problems, and to provide glimpses into the immediate future. Often these contactees awaken in the morning with aching necks and shoulders, complaining of feeling exhausted, as if they had worked all night, rather than having supposedly slept the normal eight hours.

Are these pure energy forms, described as "the light people", also part of the same general phenomenon responsible for abductions and impregnations and monitorings, and for the removal of ova or of sperm (as one male witness has told me happened to him on two occasions)?

Some Concluding Thoughts

In closing these notes, I wish to emphasise once more that my statements relate solely to the Pacific Coast area of this vast country of Canada. It is very probable that other researchers across the nation will confirm that similar types of events are happening in their particular communities, be it Alberta, or Ontario, or Quebec, or New Brunswick, etc. I suspect very strongly that they *are*. In fact, I will go so far as to say that if ANYONE stretches his arms out wide he or she will be able to touch, within their own circle of friends, some person, or more likely some persons, who are very much involved in this *emerging epidemic*.

And, of course, I have come across other oddities too. Living as I do in a racially mixed city, *I know of only one (first generation) Oriental abductee. I know of no other Asians, and no blacks.*

Furthermore, why is it that neither blind people, nor physically handicapped people, ever seem to report involvement? (The faculties of being able to see, or being mobile, are not a required ingredient in the bizarre complexities of the abduction scenario . . . OR ARE THEY?)

How does it come about, moreover, that I never hear of reports from "street people" — i.e., people on the streets? Many of them are very alert, fast-thinking, philosophical too, and also extremely observant. Am I to believe that nothing is happening to THEM?

Well, yes, of course it might be argued that the answer is that I don't mix in those particular social and ethnic circles. But on the other hand, I do have numerous well-established "pipelines" that should provide a trickle of *something . . . And, to date, they have not.*

So far I know of *five families* where *three generations* are clearly involved in this process of "monitoring" and sample-taking. But so far I am unable to detect any common denominators. Certainly none are apparent on the surface. Does *location* have any significance, I wonder? Also, what about such aspects as *profession*, or *religious activity*, or absence thereof?

The questions are endless, the answers almost non-existent. And, as Whitley Strieber has already commented, "THEY" will presumably only reveal the solution if and when "THEY" want to. Until then, the beat goes on.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

(1) I employ the terms "abductee" and "contactee" interchangeably, since in so many cases both contact and abduction are recognized. And, in cases where only contact is *admitted* by the individual involved, he or she may very likely be still unaware that abduction also took place.

(2) [*Note by Editor.*] I have personally observed, over a period of many years, the presence of one of these immensely hard little balls just below the skin of a human body. *It had been there for at least 40 years.* Then, one day, the person, in whose body it was, "woke up", and realized what the thing might be. The man at once rushed to inspect — and, lo, the ball was already gone! It would be interesting if we could hear of other such cases where an *"implant" vanishes as soon as its significance is perceived.* — G.C.

THE CIRCLES IN THE CORN: SUMMARY REPORT FOR 1988

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Riddle of the 'cosmic' cornfields

They're not made by hoaxers. They're not made by helicopters They're not made by whirlwinds What are they? asks WILLY NEWLANDS

TERENCE MEADEN thinks he is getting close to solving one of the great riddles of the English countryside — mysterious corn circles which appear suddenly in standing crops.

One day the corn is standing proud and high. The next, as if by black magic, great swathes have been flattened, often in complex patterns, with circles 50ft in diameter or more.

Dr Meaden has eliminated all sorts of theories which have attempted to explain the circles, more than 400 of which have been reported to him since 1980. First to go were the way-out suggestions about druids, witchcraft and sorcery.

He has also ruled out rutting deer, romping foxes, whirling helicopters and excited hedgehogs. And hoaxers too. 'Anyone could attempt a superficial imitation,' he says, 'but the true ones are very elaborate and complex.'

After years of analysis, hours spent in small planes flying over the West Country's cornfields, study of a thousand photographs and widespread appeals for information — including a letter in the Daily Mail last summer, which produced reports of circles dating back as far as 60 years ago, from 10 counties — Terence Meaden thinks he is close to cracking the puzzle.

'I'm not making it public yet, because I have more work to do before I publish my results, but they link these phenomena into a bigger picture,' he says at his home in Bradford-on-Avon.

We were very busy in 1988 at CIRCLES PHENOMENON RESEARCH, with a grand total of some 100 circles found, three of which were very interesting indeed. Whereas, previously, in all the earlier circles, the corn had stayed down until it was cut, *the corn in these three circles came up again, leaving a chequered pattern which could only be seen from the air.*

The BBC made a documentary film about our Phenomenon this year, and the three circles were shown in it. The documentary outlined the four prevailing points of view:-

1. Was the cause of the circles wind vortexes?[1]
2. Was the cause helicopters?
3. Was the cause UFOs?
4. Was the cause hoaxes?

(At C.P.R. we have now found a way of recognizing a genuine or a hoax circle in a very short space of time.)

Another strange occurrence this year is that somebody seems to have been copying my films![2] On collecting them from the shop, I noticed that they were not in their protective plastic wallet, and that they had white tapes with punch holes in them. On asking the assistant the reason for this, I was told that they "were not satisfied with the results, and had re-printed the photos." I use a fully automated camera which always produces perfect negatives. (I also take photographs of weddings, funerals, and aircraft, but not one of these photos has ever been copied!)

On one of my helicopter flights in 1988 I found twelve circles in the space of one square mile. But, since then, fifteen circles[3] have appeared in a field opposite Silbury Hill.

COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

[1] In an article, "RIDDLE OF THE COSMIC CORNFIELDS", in the *Daily Mail* of February 11, 1989, Dr Terence Meaden, the meteorologist who for some years past has been the Great High Priest of Whirlwinds, is quoted by journalist Willy Newlands as stating flatly: "*They're not made by hoaxers; They're not made by helicopters; They're not made by whirlwinds...*" This will be grave news for some. We can say that we feel for them.

[2] That's nothing new!

[3] See article "*Did Avebury UFO produce the Silbury Hill Corn Circles?*", by FSR Consultant George Wingfield, in FSR 33/4.

THE STRANGE BRAZILIAN SCENE

Gordon Creighton

Just after World War II, after a decade in H.M. Embassy and our Consulates in China and four years as Consul-General at New Orleans, USA, a following spell of six months in the Far Eastern Department of the Foreign Office in London and a year at H.M. Consulate-General in Antwerp, Belgium, I found myself serving as Britain's representative for a vast north-eastern segment of the enormous country of Brazil.

Already, in another vast country, China, in the summer of 1941, on the upper waters of the River Yangtsze, in a region not far from the eastern frontier of Tibet, my companions and I had seen something strange in the sky, which seems to have been what was later to be called a *"flying saucer"*.[1] And, after my arrival in Brazil, it was not long before I began to hear and read strange stories, mainly in the local newspapers, about similar goings-on in the skies over that country. (At just about the same time, although, of course, I did not yet know about it, a professional colleague of mine, Dr Alberto Perego, the Italian Consul at Belo Horizonte in the State of Minas Geraes to the south of me, was starting to make his own collection of the same sorts of reports.)

In more recent years, of all the non-Brazilians who have investigated the "UFO PROBLEM" in that country, the highly experienced professional journalist Bob Pratt from the United States is certainly the best known and most competent, for he has made six trips to Brazil (an even bigger country than the USA!). On the first occasion he went on behalf of the newspaper *The National Enquirer,* a paper that has never been "backward" in the publication of UFO reports, many of them spectacular (and one may well conclude that much of the opprobrium heaped upon the poor old *Enquirer* has been precisely on account of this "awkward" and "unwelcome" interest!). Bob's last two trips to Brazil were undertaken on his own account, and all of his six trips have been for the specific purpose of investigating UFO reports.

Incidentally, no report that I have ever read illustrates more vividly than Bob Pratt does the frustrations and communications problems that confront anyone who attempts to travel around and gather information in the Interior of this stupendous country of Brazil.

Some of the reports given below concern material gathered by him in the hot, parched *Sertão* regions of the great North-East, which lay within my own Consular District (centre: Recife, Pernambuco). A good many UFO reports reached me from our subordinate Vice-Consuls at Natal, Fortaleza, and Maceió).

Brazil has been the setting of some of the most horrific[2] UFO reports that have ever reached us, and a few "hair-raising" and disturbing stories from there still lie in my files, unpublished, and I think are likely to stay there, for their contents are certainly not such as might be calculated to enhance the life and happiness of the average human were he to know of them.

Those who perceive something about the deeper side of the "UFO Problem" and of the enormous crisis now facing mankind will not be surprised to find *Brazil* — of all countries — so particularly infested in this sinister way.

One of several of Mr Pratt's purposes in making this, his sixth trip to Brazil, in 1986, was to try to get some answers to a letter which I had sent to Dr J. Allen Hynek some years ago. I wanted to know whether it was possible to secure confirmation or any sort of follow-up to an alarming report in the *National Enquirer* of December 29, 1981. We had received a copy of that report, and had published it in full on pages 25/26 of FSR 27/5, which appeared in March 1982.

For the convenience of newer readers I now reproduce the item in question below. It is interesting that we have now secured some sort of "follow-up" on it, since "follow-ups" are something that only very seldom comes our way. It is constantly happening that the Editor of FSR receives an irate letter from some reader asking why on earth it is that we have produced no "follow-up" or sequel to some obscure UFO event alleged to have occurred in some remote corner of the globe, possibly years and years ago. One has the impression (I regret to have to say it) that some of our readers — particularly some of the *British* — have no grasp of the size and complexities of our Planet or the vast cost of mounting expeditions to outlying and outlandish places; and they expect me, sitting here totally unaided at my desk in England, to produce single-handed for them UFO reports galore, from anywhere in the world, like white rabbits out of a hat. I also recall one gent in New Zealand who used to get almost apoplectic because I could not mount an immediate expedition to the Upper Amazon in order to ascertain some small point for him. And there was another, whose letter-heading showed that he resided "at the back of beyond" in the Kimberley Region of North-Western Australia, who apparently was unable to fathom why the Editor of FSR could not flit hither and thither at will blithely culling UFO reports world-wide.

In this present case, which has as its setting the immensity of Brazil's Interior, it is indeed our unusual pleasure, thanks entirely to Bob Pratt, to offer some small measure of "follow-up" on a very perturbing story.

By way of an introduction, however, it will perhaps be better if we present again our original *World Round-up* report which I take from pages 25/26 of FSR 27/5 (1982):–

BRAZIL
DID UFOs KILL FOUR HUNTERS?

The American tabloid, the *National Enquirer,* carried a sensational story in its issue of December 29, 1981, in which claims were made that four Brazilian hunters from the town of Parnarama (p. 3000) in the northern part of the country, had separately suffered violent death meted out by a UFO, or UFOs. The local police chief, Geraldo dos Santos Magela, told *Enquirer* staff writers Muldoon and Richman, that —

" 'As police chief it's my job to verify these reports, to determine if the deaths were caused by a UFO or if the reports were products of the imagination. Imagination . . . no. It was a UFO.

" 'The men died while the UFO was directly above them, and the other hunters with them were terrified. They came to me asking for help.

"'At first I didn't take the reports seriously. But by early November, when the entire region was in a panic, I had to take them seriously.'"

Details of the gruesome deaths followed.

"The first hunter was killed on October 17. The victim, Abel Boro, went hunting with a friend, Ribamar Ferreira. They saw what appeared to be a bright star — but then it descended and hovered over the two terrified men, focussing its light on Boro.

" 'When it descended it was so bright that night became day,' Ferreira told *The Enquirer.* 'I got frightened and climbed down from the tree I was in — my favourite hunting spot.

" 'The UFO cruised around us and stopped right above the tree Abel was in. It was like a giant truck tire, all lit up and spinning around and doing something bad to Abel, because he was shaking with fear.

" 'I decided to run for help, but then I heard the screams from Abel. I turned around and saw all that light from the UFO was surrounding him and his body was all glittering.

" 'I don't know how I managed to run, but I got home and passed out. The next morning I went to Abel's house and he hadn't come home. His family and I went to the spot (where I had last seen Abel) and there he was dead. His body was all white. He didn't have a drop of blood in him. The UFO — it sucked Abel's life, like a space vampire.'" [Brazilians of these regions often call a UFO a *"chupa-chupa". Chupar* means *to suck.* G.C.]

The next report told how Anastacio Barbosa stated that he and his friend Raimundo Souza ran for their lives when a large object dropped from the sky and beamed a light at them in the woodlands. Raimundo tripped and fell, and before he could rise the light focussed on him. Barbosa prayed, and ran. Raimundo's body was found next morning: it was totally white.

The third victim was José Vitorio, who was lying in a hammock in the woods, with his hunting companion nearby. Suddenly a flying object descended over the hammock and shone brighly. The companion ran for help but when they returned Vitorio was found to be dead.

The witness to the fourth killing was José dos Santos who fired five shots at a UFO which, he alleged, was chasing him. He contrived to escape. Dos Santos had seen a friend working at the top of a hill when an object appeared and shone a beam of light at him. Said Santos: "He received a shock and came rolling down the hill. He went crazy for three days. He was terrorised. Then he died."

Credit: **Gerald Garces** of Rialto, California.

[Our only wish is that responsible local investigators could double-check such a seemingly crazy story. There is evidence in the "Enquirer" account of much hysteria in the town, and among its officials, and we are left with a suspicion that the police chief supports the UFO theory either as a cover for his actual line of enquiry, or because he has no other ideas. The main difficulty, of course, is that enormous distances are involved, even for Brazilian investigators who, if they were based in Rio de Janeiro, would be faced with a journey of about 1200 miles each way, and into some pretty wild country, — EDITOR, CHARLES BOWEN]

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My own *personal opinion* is that we are all wasting our time in chattering about "UFOs". Because "UFOs", whatever they are, are merely *"a symptom of the malady".* "A symptom of the malady now affecting this Planet." In all probability, that "symptom" is connected with the question of "WHAT TIME IS IT FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US"? Were we to discuss that sort of question, we would of course cease to be a "UFO magazine".

And I doubt whether we would have more than fifty readers.

AN EXTRAORDINARY FIELD-INVESTIGATION TRIP TO BRAZIL (1986)

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Six years or so ago Gordon Creighton wrote to Mrs Mimi Hynek and asked her about a report in the *National Enquirer* of December 29, 1981, to the effect that four hunters had been killed by UFOs in a place called Parnarama in north-eastern Brazil. Mimi referred the query to me because I had worked on the *Enquirer* (until July of that year) and had myself gone to Brazil that summer.

I had no personal knowledge of the Parnarama case, but, while temporarily working at the *Enquirer* later that year, I was able to look at the reporter's file on which the story was based, and I duly passed on to Mr Creighton the gist of what I had found.

Now, however, I have had a chance to go to Parnarama myself, although the visit was unfortunately only a brief one. For I have just spent 18 days in Brazil — the latest of six trips I have made there for the purpose of looking into UFO reports (the first two visits as a reporter for the *National Enquirer* and the last two on my own).

Parnarama

The visit to Parnarama came on the 13th day of my trip, after a tiring 12-hour drive from Fortaleza to Teresina the day before. I went there with Jean Alencar, a 48-year-old lawyer who strikes me as a serious, conscientious UFO investigator who shuns the mysticism and other nonsense that appeals to so many in the UFO field. He took an entire week off from his practice to take me to a number of places in Fortaleza and the state of Ceará to interpret for me and help me look into a number of sighting and encounter reports.

He was as interested in the Parnarama case as I, and had never been there, nor even to Teresina (capital of the state of Piauí), but he did have UFO contacts in Teresina. We arrived on the evening of Sept. 17 1986 and Jean phoned these people. About an hour later, several young men from a local UFO group came to our hotel. Curiously, they knew absolutely nothing about the case, even though Parnarama is only 80 kilometers to the south. However, they agreed to go with us to Parnarama the next day.

Originally, we had planned to spend at least two days in the Parnarama area, but shortly after we arrived in Teresina Jean Alencar phoned home and learned that he had to return to Fortaleza almost immediately because of a court case. That was a Wednesday, and a judge had ordered him to have some papers ready for him by Friday. So we were able to spend only several hours in Parnarama the next day.

In the morning, we drove to Parnarama, a small town of two or three thousand inhabitants on the west bank of the Parnaíba River, in the adjoining state of Maranhão. The road from Teresina on the Piauí side is paved only a third of the way and is gravel the rest, very dusty. There is no bridge, but the ferry, which carries one car at a time, takes only five minutes to load and cross over to Parnarama.

Since the *Enquirer's* story and other stories quoted the mayor and local police chief as sources, we went to City Hall first. Naturally, there was a new mayor and a new chief, but we began asking questions anyway. At first, no one knew anything about the four hunters, but suddenly we began to get swamped with people

South and Central Brazil

1. Rio de Janeiro
2. São Paulo
3. Belo Horizonte
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5. Montes Claros

North-Eastern Brazil

6. Maceió
7. Pernambuco (Recife)
8. Natal
9. Fortaleza
10. Paraípaba
11. Quixadá
12. Terezina
13. São Luís
14. Pinheiro
15. Alcántara

who had seen or encountered UFOs. We soon found ourselves at a big conference table in the City Council chambers, surrounded by people, everyone talking at the same time, and one man did confirm that at least one of the hunters had died.

This man said the hunter (identified as Abel Boro) and a companion saw a UFO one night in October 1981, and the companion ran and hid, and when he returned he found the other man dead. No one we talked to knew anything about any other hunters dying as the result of UFO encounters, but the areas mentioned in the news stories were some distance from Parnarama.

I have never taken *Enquirer* stories as "gospel", but only as leads to possible investigations. It is, however, quite possible that four men died. Since the locations of the other three deaths were some distance from Parnarama, the others could have occurred as well. The young men from Teresina will be looking into this in the near future.

We learned that UFO sightings are fairly common in the Parnarama area *(the new mayor told us there were "at least 100 cases" in the Parnarama area),* and there had been sightings as recently as 10 and 20 days before we went there (September 18). In one case, a landowner (the witness who told us about the hunter) said he tried to shoot at a UFO one night and received what felt like an electric shock. In another case, a council woman who was fishing in a lake with a companion one night said a UFO came down and hovered over one end of the lake. She said the light was so bright she could see the fish swimming around in the lake.

All this was, I believe, an eye-opener for the young men who had gone down there with us from Teresina. There have been enough sightings in the Parnarama area alone to keep them busy for at least a year.

Francisco Savio Pereira Pimental, the leader of the little group, was only 23 at the time (1986), but he is very intelligent and he seemed to be the most serious of the lot.

My trip to Parnarama was quite successful. I was able to take another look at the always fascinating and sometimes bizarre UFO situation in Brazil (things, often traumatic, seem to happen there that I never hear of in other countries). Although I went to only a relatively few areas, it was enough to show me that virtually *all the things that were going on back in 1977 and 1978 (which took me to Brazil the first time) are still going on, and have been going on virtually non-stop through the years.*[3]

People in the interior are still being terrified by UFOs. They're still being panicked by the sudden appearance of a brilliantly-lighted object just over their heads as they walk in country areas at night. And, as they run in fright, they are still being "chased", if that is the proper word. Maybe they're simply being "followed" out of curiosity or for some other reason, although in at least one case there was a prolonged, deliberate attempt to get at a witness-victim in his hiding place. (In 1981, people in a small village on the Amazon west of Santarém told me they were afraid to fish at night anymore because the UFO would suddenly appear overhead, and they would flee into the jungle, terrified that they would step on a poisonous snake.)

Some people are still being injured (usually the mild-burn type of thing). Some are definitely being persecuted in the sense that a UFO will persist over a period of time in trying to do something (what?) to them.[4] And I believe several more deaths can be attributed to the UFOs, although the deaths may have been an unfortunate "by-product" of the encounters.

The Two Cases at Crab Island

Perhaps most fascinating of all is that virtually the same things that happened in the 1977 "Crab Island case" near São Luís (of four men aboard a wooden fishing boat, one died and two were seriously burned) have occurred again, nine years and one week later. This time one man died and a second was injured somehow, and two others became ill and fell unconscious for at least fifteen hours. Again, there is no explanation. (It is possible that neither Crab Island case is a genuine UFO case, because the link in the first case was tenuous at best and in the second there appears to be nothing whatsoever tying it to a UFO. But in both cases something truly inexplicable happened, and if a UFO wasn't responsible, then some equally baffling phenomenon is at work.)

Other Cases in Central Brazil

It is going to take me months to sort out all my notes and transcribe all my tapes but briefly this is what I learned:

1. In Rio, Irene Granchi, FSR Consultant, gave me a photocopy of a four-page summary of 27 sightings that had occurred in different parts of Brazil between March 19 and June 15 1986. Each one gave a few details, time, place and duration of the sighting, plus the name of the investigator. Included was the radar-tracking of UFOs and the chase by six Brazilian Air Force (FAB) jets on May 19, 1986. (Reported by Dr. Willy Smith in FSR 32/1. Editor.)

(Two weeks after that event, I wrote to Brigadier Moreira Lima, chief of the Air Force, requesting permission to talk to the pilots and air traffic controllers, but never received a reply. When I arrived in Brazil, I learned that nearly every ufologist in Brazil had done the same thing, and they never received replies either. When Moreira Lima held his nationally televised press conference to announce the sightings and let the pilots be interviewed, he promised that the Brazilian Government would investigate and issue a report within two months. More than six months have passed now, [written in October 1986], and not another word has come out. Meanwhile, a friend of Irene's in São José dos Campos, a retired FAB officer who now works as a technical consultant, says the controllers there have tracked UFOs on other occasions since then, but have been told to keep quiet about it.)

Also included was a sighting at 3.30 a.m. on May 18, 1986 (there was a lot of UFO activity throughout Brazil in May) in the Jardim Botânico district of Rio by a woman psychologist who is currently living in New York. When I visited Irene, this was one of the cases she discussed in detail. This woman psychologist had watched a group of seven to ten small objects and one large object moving from north to south and taking up five different formations over a 15-minute period. (I am planning to visit my son in New York around the Christmas holidays and will try to interview this woman myself.)

Irene Granchi also told me about a case she is investigating that occurred on the night of May 23-24 1986, in Rondonópolis, involving a man named Edivaldo who was (I believe; I haven't had a chance to check my tapes) driving in a truck when he saw a lighted object off to one side of the road. He then saw a flash of light and was unconscious for 72 hours. He has no recollection of what happened to him. Irene hopes to have a psychologist in São Paulo hypnotize the man.

Irene had another case involving five persons who had close encounters on two consecutive nights, while fishing at a beach south of Rio, with an object the size of a two-storey house coming down and hovering within 30 meters of them. On the second night, they saw a plane apparently chasing the UFO and one of the witnesses, an Air Force veteran, said it was a FAB (Brazilian Air Force) jet.

2. In Rio I also talked with Cynthia Newby Luce, an American who has lived in the Teresópolis-Petrópolis area, (just north of Rio) for 15 years or more. She had three interesting cases between Teresópolis and São Paulo dating back to 1981, and I had a chance to see some of the interviews with the witnesses, because Mauro Costa, a philosophy professor from Rio, had gone with her to re-interview the witnesses and he videotaped the interviews. In one close encounter, the witness, a 30-year-old male, *felt as though he was being pulled up (like a magnet) by the UFO, which was just four or five meters above him.* However, with tremendous effort, he broke free and ran to a small bar 150 meters away.

In her second case, a man believes he gave a ride to an extraterrestrial. He was riding a bicycle one night, and was hailed by a strange looking fellow standing by the road who asked for a ride. Because the stranger was big, the man didn't dare to refuse and off they went. The stranger talked to him but then told him to stop. About that time the bicycle owner saw an object in a field nearby, and the stranger walked out to it, went aboard and the object went away.

The third case involved a man who was driving one night and saw a bright light following him, which he thought was a truck. But the light overtook him, flew on over him and landed in the road several hundred meters ahead. The man stopped and, shortly after, the object went away.

3. Since May, 1986, UFO sightings and encounters have been occurring in and around a small village named Conceicão do Mato Dentro in the State of Minas Gerais, north of Rio. This is in the "Valley of the River of the Old Women", which is four or five hours' drive north of Belo Horizonte, where Húlvio Brant Aleixo[5] (to my mind one of the best and most thorough UFO investigators alive) has been investigating cases for the past thirty-five years or so. I was in Belo Horizonte September 9, 10 and 11, and the most recent sighting in the Valley had been on September 2. This information came from Albert Eduardo, a young man about 30 who is a member of AMPEU in Belo Horizonte and is one of the editors of *Jornal UFO-LOGICO*. Húlvio has also investigated some of the same sightings and he also gave me a number of details. Albert Eduardo went to the area recently with another young man and they videotaped their interviews. One evening we looked at the videotape. Among the cases:–

(a) A shy, 18-year-old youth was returning to his home on the night of September 2, 1986 when a big reddish light suddenly "turned on" above his head. It frightened him and he ran and hid under a tree, injuring his arm as he scrambled for a hiding place.

(b) A middle-aged man returning to his home was riding a donkey and leading another that was loaded with goods of some kind. An enormous light appeared as he neared his mother's house and "chased" him. The light then turned off and he didn't see it any more. He was temporarily blinded. His pack mule ran off and the other mule refused to walk. The man described the object as a "flying refrigerator" with four red and yellow spots on it, and said it made a buzzing sound.

(c) On the same night, a young man who used to mock people who said they saw flying saucers was chased by a UFO and had his "clothes torn off". He said the UFO had maltreated him, but I don't know the details of this case. Now the young man will not walk alone at night any more.

(d) A woman and two small boys walking in the dark saw a UFO come over the top of a hill and they hid under a tree. The UFO approached the tree and they ran on to a grove of bamboo trees, crawling in on their hands and knees to hide. A woman living nearby saw all this happen from her house (she could see the people running because they were illuminated by an electric light in the street). She said the UFO flew very low, was silent and looked like a "fire torch". This woman said: "Everybody runs away from the light. Everybody's afraid of it." She also said a peasant claimed to have seen a UFO land on a field behind his house; he felt heat, got scared, and locked the door. She also said the UFO was being seen almost every night.

(e) On the night of May 15, 1986, a 70-year-old farm worker named Joaquim watched as a UFO hovered about 50 paces away from his house, maybe 10 to 15 meters above the ground, for a half hour. He said it was flashing a beam of light all around the hills and occasionally shone it on him. He was standing in a doorway, with the lower half of the two-part door closed, looking at it. He shielded his face with his left arm, holding it up to cover his eyes. But on one occasion his right eye was exposed, and he lost about 80 per cent of the vision in that eye and his left arm was burned (like a sunburn). He said he heard voices, but couldn't understand the language. When the UFO finally lifted off and went away, it hit some electricity lines, breaking one of them.

(f) Many people began carrying guns and one such man, aged 22, said he saw a UFO shaped like a "refrigerator" land one night about 20 meters away from him. He saw an occupant descend on a stairway. The witness was carrying a .38 revolver and he fired twice. Apparently he didn't hit the object nor did he hear any ricocheting sound. He became frightened and ran home.

4. Alberto do Carmo, an excellent, veteran UFO investigator in Belo Horizonte, told me that Albert Eduardo had talked to a policewoman and a pilot who were among a number of people who saw about a dozen objects flying figure eights and in triangular and square patterns near the airport at Montes Claros in May 1986. The objects appeared to be in an intelligent formation and one looked bigger than the others. Some of the smaller ones were seen entering bigger ones. All this lasted for about two hours. I did not get a chance to talk to Albert Eduardo about this. (A similar sighting was described to me once by two night watchmen in a suburb of Mendoza. Argentina; they said that before dawn one day in July 1978, a large number of small objects — one witness said 25 to 30, the other said hundreds — were flying in and out among the light-pylons of Mendoza's new soccer stadium.)

The Cases in North-Eastern Brazil

5. I went on to Fortaleza, in N.E. Brazil, and Jean Alencar spent a week with me, taking me first to Paraípaba, near the coast west of Fortaleza, where we stayed overnight in a peasant's house on a farm. We talked to nearly a dozen people in the Paraípaba area who had had UFO sightings or encounters as long ago

as ten years before and as recently as 7 o'clock the night before, the latter just a few miles from where we were staying. In one incident, a man and his grown son had a close encounter that left them both feeling burned and suffering from headaches.

Jean Alencar and I then went to another small coastal village called Pecem, where there are several very serious cases:

(a) One involved a farm worker, now 52, who had gone fishing one night in 1983 at a place on the beach where he had fished for 30 years. At 2 a.m. a bright light suddenly appeared over his head and he ran and hid under the nearest tree. For the next four hours, he said, the UFO stayed above him and every few minutes shone a beam of light down on him and his hiding place. He was terrified and every time the light went off he felt frigid cold. When dawn broke, the UFO disappeared and the man ran home. He hid under a bed at first and was sick and nauseated for weeks. Ever since then he has refused to go out at night and will not stay home by himself. His family says he now has "mental problems".

(b) We then talked to two women, one 34 and the other 28. Four years ago, they and a third woman (a sister of the 28-year-old) and two children had been in the sand dunes near the beach a short distance east of Pecem gathering wood. This was at dusk, and suddenly a big orange light appeared above their heads and they ran. The wood they were carrying slowed them down so they threw it away. They ran some 500 meters before reaching some trees, where they hid, and the UFO chased or followed them all the way and then passed on out of sight.

All of them were sick and nauseated and had headaches for more than a week, and nine days after the incident, the 34-year-old woman, who was then seven months pregnant, gave premature birth. Her baby, Kelvia, is now 4 years old and is a sweet, good-natured child. She smiles a lot and chatters a bit, but she does not walk and she has heart problems. The third women who was two months pregnant, aborted and lost her baby. You could argue that any pregnant woman who runs 500 meters risks losing her baby, but if the UFO had not appeared, these women would never have run. So, in that sense, one death and a premature birth of a child that may never walk can be blamed on a UFO.

6. On my fourth day in Fortaleza, Jean Alencar, Reginaldo Athayde, and I went to Quixadá, where we first interviewed Antônio Moreira Magalhães, a physician who had treated Luíz Fernandes Barros, then 52, a well-to-do Quixadá businessman and ranch owner, 10 years ago after Barros had a UFO encounter. At about 7 a.m., on the morning of April 23, 1976, a cowboy found Barros dazed and sitting in a two-wheel carriage behind a donkey, several kilometers from his plantation (16 kms from Quixadá).

When Barros became coherent, he said that about two hours before daybreak a big lighted object came down and hovered just above him and the donkey. A door of some kind opened on the bottom, and a beam of light was projected down on him and the donkey. He didn't know what happened after that. Barros complained of being very sick, suffering from nausea, diarrhoea, headaches and vomiting.

His wife, Teresina, took him to Quixadá to see Dr. Magalhães, who was then 40 and had known Barros nearly all his life. The doctor listened to Barros' story and gave him medicine to alleviate his sick feeling. However, the medicine didn't help, and the doctor sent Barros to Fortaleza to see a psychiatrist. Teresina told us she had her husband in Fortaleza for two months and he was seen by 12 psychiatrists and psychologists, and the only conclusion they came to was that he had a brain lesion. He was sent home.

In the meantime, Barros had stopped telling his story about the UFO, because almost no one believed him, other than his wife and Dr. Magalhães (who was also ridiculed by his fellow physicians for believing the story). Further, Barros' speech began to deteriorate, and three months after the incident his hair turned white. By the end of six months, he had lost all his mental faculties and had regressed to the age of a one or two-year-old child. And ever since, the only words he says are *"Mamãe", "Medo"* and *"Da" (mama, fear,* and *give).* He recognizes only his wife and needs a fulltime nurse to take care of him. He reacts to no stimuli, except when someone takes a picture of him with a flash unit. He screams when he sees the flash of light.

We went to see Barros, who lives in a large, well furnished home in Quixadá and he simply sits staring, occasionally moving his eyes but apparently seeing nothing. Dr. Magalhães who seems to be a very sensible, intelligent man, showed us that Barros has control of his arms and legs and did not suffer a stroke.

This is one of Reginaldo Athayde's cases. Apparently there have been many UFO happenings in the Quixadá area, and some of the residents refer to the city as the "UFO capital of the northeast". We ran into a radio announcer friend of Reginaldo Athayde who said he had seen a UFO on the airfield at Quixadá in 1985 (We had intended to meet this man in the afternoon to get the details but we didn't get back to him.)

7. In the afternoon, we attempted to check out a report in *O Dia* several years ago that the village of Jaburu, near Quixadá, was being terrorized by UFOs. We never reached Jaburu. Some distance east of Quixadá, we turned off the paved highway onto a one-lane dirt road and followed that for at least 17 kms before giving up because the road became impassable. We stopped from time to time to get directions, and usually heard some reference to strange lights being seen in the area. Near the end of our search, we stopped at a peasant's small mud-and-thatch house and heard two separate reports of sightings. The father had seen something flying by one night, and on another night two of his teenage sons said they had been "chased" across a field by a bright light.

8. After Fortaleza came the trip to Teresina and Parnarama, and from there I went on to São Luís while Jean went back to Fortaleza. In São Luís, Mónica Carneiro and Ana Teresa Britto, who had worked as my interpreters on my first Crab Island investigation in 1978, helped me track down the latest Crab Island mystery.

Crab Island Case No. 2

As may be recalled, on the night of April 25-26, 1977, four men who had sailed a day or two earlier to Crab Island to get wood intended to awaken about midnight (when the tide came in, floating the boat once more in the shallow stream), load the wood (which had been cut and stacked on the river bank next to the boat) and sail back to São Luís on the outgoing tide. Instead, they didn't awaken until about 6 the next morning. By then, one man, a 22-year-old, was dead in his hammock and his older brother, Firmino, was badly burned and his cousin, Auleriano, was less severely burned. Only Apolinario, another brother, was apparently unharmed, and he had to sail the boat back to São Luís by himself. Firmino was left

crippled by his burns. The men could not remember what happened, not even when they were put under hypnosis by Dr. Silvio Lago, a physician and former medical professor. Police investigated, and were not able to determine what happened, although they were convinced the three survivors were telling the truth.

This occurred during a period of extremely heavy UFO activity in the general area stretching from São Luís on the east to Pinheiro, a two-hour ferryboat ride and 70-km drive to the west. Crab Island is in between. That, plus the fact that a doctor who was skeptical of all UFO reports said he heard Firmino (at the time in a hospital in a semi-coma) mumbling something about seeing a light or "fire" *(fogo)* (a common description of a UFO), are the only reasons for suspecting that a UFO might have been involved in this case.

Recently, in 1986, four men in a similar boat also went to Crab Island to get timber. They sailed there on April 28, 1986, spent two days cutting more than 300 pieces of wood (actually, poles three to four meters long) and had stacked them on the river bank next to their boat. On April 30, they quit working about 6 p.m. (at dusk) and at about 8 p.m. one of the men, Juvencio, 22, began to cook their supper. However, he complained about feeling dizzy and he fell to the deck unconscious. Another man, Anselmo, and a third, Lázaro, 44, also began to feel dizzy and they too fainted. None of these three know what happened to the fourth man, Verissimo, 21, but when Lázaro regained consciousness at noon the next day (the first to awaken), Verissimo was dead, with no marks on him, although some blood was trickling from his mouth. The other two revived shortly after, but all three were sick and nauseated. Juvencio also had a head injury of some kind, with the right side of his head being swollen.

The two uninjured men tried to load the wood onto the boat, but quit after getting less than 30 pieces on board and, with difficulty, sailed the boat back to São Luís.

The port authorities investigated and cannot determine what happened. Mónica, Ana and I were able to locate only Juvencio, because Lázaro was somewhere near Alcántara, across São Marcos Bay, and Anselmo had gone into the Interior and no one knew exactly where he was.

None of the survivors know what happened to them. They are certain that food poisoning was not to blame, and the authorities do not believe any kind of poisonous gas could have been the cause. No autopsy was performed on Verissimo; by the time the boat reached São Luís, his body was badly decomposed. His death certificate, which I saw in the Port Authority headquarters, simply says the cause of death was *"undetermined"*.

The only thing unusual that the men think happened that night is that, sometime between 6 and 8 p.m., they heard a loud crashing sound somewhere nearby in the darkness, as if a large tree had fallen over. However, they have never known of a tree falling over on Crab Island (a swampy, uninhabited island in São Marcos Bay, about 25 miles long, seven miles wide and laced with streams at high tide).

Juvencio and Lázaro refuse to go aboard a boat any more, and Port Authorities have forbidden anyone to go to Crab Island to gather wood any more. (This supposedly had been prohibited all along, but never was enforced, and after this second incident the authorities notified all boat owners in the port that the law would be strictly enforced henceforth.)

One other weird coincidence: Both Juvencio and the young man who died, Verissimo (Juvencio's brother-in-law), were related by blood or marriage to all four of the men who were involved in the first Crab Island incident, in April 1977, nine years before.[6]

There is no obvious UFO connection in this case, only the unexplained crashing sound. A neighbor of Juvencio's, one of many people who gathered around as we interviewed Juvencio, told us that one night in 1983 he had been on a boat in a stream between Alcántara and Itaúna, which are across São Marcos Bay from São Luís, and a big bright light came down, hovered overhead and shone a beam of light on the boat. He and his companions dived overboard and hid in bushes along the bank. He said people in several other boats in the area had similar experiences that year.

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So, the UFO phenomenon is "alive and well", at least in Brazil. I find it difficult to understand[7] how such things can go on year after year without the authorities learning about them or ever trying to do something about them. What does it take to get them or the scientists interested in this bizarre and sometimes harmful phenomenon?[7]

The phenomenon is also very much alive in the United States, or was in 1983-1986, when thousands of people saw a large boomerang-shaped object in the area just north of New York City. I am writing a book about these sightings (in collaboration with the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek and the chief investigator, Philip Imbrogno. Titled *NIGHT SIEGE: The Hudson Valley UFO Mystery,* it will be published by Ballantine, probably in September next year.[8])

FOOTNOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

(1) No account of my China sighting was ever published in FSR. So far as I am aware, the only mention of it — a brief one — is in a book which deals mainly with the United Kingdom scene. This was *Unidentified Flying Objects,* (Arthur Barker, London, 1969) re-issued as paperback: *UFO: Flying Saucers Over Britain:* (Mayflower Books, 1969), by our old friend Robert Chapman, formerly Science Correspondent to the *Sunday Express* newspaper.

(2) Nobody would of course suggest that Brazil could have as it were a "monopoly" of the unpleasant, for clearly there have been, and are, UFO reports of a most unsavoury character from every part of the world. Nevertheless, there are certain well-known factors about the mental and psychic climate of Brazil, and it cannot be denied that these undermentioned cases are the most horrific of which we have ever heard:–

- (a) FSR 6/1 (Jan/Feb. 1960). The Itaipu Fort case, in which, on November 4, 1957, two soldiers on night guard duty in a Brazilian coastal fortress received appalling burns and possibly also mental damage from a huge low-flying disc.
- (b) FSR 8/6 (Nov./Dec. 1962). At Diamantina a boy watched his father, Rivalino Mafra da Silva, vanish instantly in a cloud of dust, apparently seized by two small mysterious balls.
- (c) FSR 13/2 (March/April 1967); 14/4 (July/Aug. 1968); 17/4 (July/Aug. 1971). Case of the two "men in the lead masks" found dead on a hill near Rio de Janeiro and thought to have been killed by a UFO.
- (d) FSR 19/2 (March/April 1973). The terrible death of João Prestes in February 1946. Struck by a mystery beam of light, within a few hours the flesh of his entire body "melted" and fell away off the skeleton.

(3) This holds true for the whole of South America. The same sorts of reports, from Argentina, Brazil, the Andes, Colombia, and the other republics, have continued to reach us ever since the start of the "UFO Phenomenon".

(4) When Bob Pratt wrote this report, we still did not know *why* the UFOs were pursuing people, especially women.

Now alas, *we do know (See Budd Hopkins' article "What They Are Doing To Us"*, in FSR 33/2.)

(5) Over a period of many years this fine investigator, Húlvio Brant Aleixo, has sent reports to FSR.

(6) See Budd Hopkins' two books, *"Missing Time"*, and *"Intruders"*. Thanks to all the work that he has done, with qualified psycho-therapists, in hypnotizing women who have been the victims of these undesirable "guests", we now know that the entities pay great attention to family-strains, siblings, etc., and appear to study whole families of us through several generations. So it is most probably no "coincidence" at all that the Brazilian men involved in two cases nine years apart were inter-connected either by blood or by marriage.

(7) Bob Pratt must surely realize by now that things *do not* "go on year after year without the authorities learning about them or ever trying to do something about them". *Clearly the Governments know only too well what is going on! But what can they do about it except pray and hope that the pestiferous visitors will go away? And the Governments are 100% right in adopting their current policy of silence!* WHAT ELSE DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO? WHAT WOULD *YOU* DO IN THEIR PLACE?

(8) This excellent book, which we can thoroughly recommend, was duly published by Ballantine Books, New York, in October 1987 (paperback), and was advertised by us on the rear cover of FSR 33/1. Price in USA $6.95. Postage and packing extra. *(Order through a bookseller, as FSR are not booksellers.)*

AIDS

Long ago I came to a whole lot of conclusions about the true significance of the "UFO Phenomenon" which it might not be prudent to voice. Subsequent events and revelations have only reinforced this feeling, and in a recent letter from a British reader who works in the Defence field (see pages 17/18 of FSR 31/4, *Food For Thought*) certain important possibilities were hinted at.

The contribution from our Californian subscriber, the artist B.– W.– L.–, which I reproduce below, will be found to be in line with that same trend of thought, and I suggest that it deserves careful study, although I must add that since I received it I have begun to see an entirely different possible explanation than the one adopted by the writer, and one that is maybe slightly less ominous for mankind as a whole. I must also add that I would never have considered publishing this article had it not come to me with a personal reference from one of FSR's most respected U.S. Consultants.

So far as one can learn, it seems that the "official" view about the origin of AIDS is that the disease has suddenly emerged from Central Africa, after lying unknown there for who knows how long, and has then passed into the U.S.A. and Western Europe on a large scale probably via Haiti — at least as some have suggested. Well, it is of course true that, after a century of exploration and research, there still remains much to be discovered in the heart of the Dark Continent in all spheres, including the medical. Nevertheless, I find it incomprehensible that so many Western doctors and nurses who have worked in Africa so extensively would not have come upon any trace of it earlier, and, frankly, I rather doubt the "African Explanation", though I admit that it is a very 'handy' one. And I am not entirely convinced that our own Governments believe in it.[1] Alternatively, might it not in fact have been a particularly clever ruse on somebody's part to *elaborate* the disease *elsewhere,* and then to *implant* it in the highly suitable field of Central Africa and let it burst upon the world as a new "African" disease?

As regards the theory that it was launched in order to wipe us out, I don't quite "buy" it at present, because, surely, so many far, far easier methods could have been found by anybody desirous of eliminating us. Moreover, if you are a normal human, with normal habits (i.e. habits provided for by the Great Creative Powers that run this world) then it does not seem to be all that easy to contract AIDS. Far more probable, in my view, would be the explanation that, since there are Alien Powers of an intermediate level — who are probably our *Owners* and would clearly regard us as *herds* to be exploited, or as biological-banks or gene-pools, then they would of course (like any sensible farmer or herdsman) be concerned to keep their cattle normal and healthy and disease-free, and would therefore take effective steps to eliminate any undesirable taints likely to impair the quality or quantity of the genetic material available, and particularly so should they themselves depend in some way on the latter for some part of their own well-being![2] — EDITOR

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AIDS . . . AND THE UFO CONNECTION: A POSSIBLE PLAN FOR GENOCIDE?

By B.– W.– L.– (California)

"Intellects, vast, cool, and unsympathetic, regarded our Earth with envious eyes and, slowly but surely, they drew their plans against us." — H.G. Wells, "THE WAR OF THE WORLDS" (1898).[3]

BY way of introduction, may I state that I am a concerned citizen who happens to be an artist and a printer. Over the years I have built up an extensive knowledge on the subject of UFOs, reading books and articles by such authors as Frank Edwards, Gordon Creighton, John G. Fuller, Jim and Coral Lorenzen, Ralph and Judy Blum, and many other private investigators.

The gravity of the AIDS crisis makes it *imperative* that we consider all possibilities as to its origin ... even if the evidence is vaguely circumstantial. If we are to find a cure for this "ANDROMEDA STRAIN" — then finding its *origin* could give our scientists the edge they need.

What I may have discovered is a connection[4] between AIDS and the animal mutilations of the 1970s. For it strikes me as a little more than coincidental that the nature of the mutilations has a parallel with the way in which AIDS is transmitted.

We humans have short attention-spans. Thus, when events are separated by large gaps in time, we have difficulty in visualizing what in this case could be a deadly scenario.

Are we being victimized by hostile alien forces? Before you answer *"No!"*, consider these facts:–

The Facts

During the 1970s the world experienced a bizarre and gruesome phenomenon commonly known as *"animal mutilations"*. In the United States alone, some 10,000 cattle were butchered with such surgical precision that our veterinarians were stunned and baffled by the method used. The mutilations stretched from Oregon to Tennessee . . . one-third of the extent of the Continental United States.

1. *All slaughtered cattle were drained of blood.*
a. *AIDS is a blood disease.*

2. *Many cows had their reproductive organs removed.*
a. *AIDS is transmitted by sexual contact.*

3. *In many cases the entire anal canal was removed.*
a. *AIDS first began to manifest in the "gay" community, and involved the peculiarly absorbtive properties of the anal canal with which so many of the "gays" are so preoccupied.[5] Other organs taken were eyeballs, tongues, heads, and large patches of epidermis.*

4. *The animal mutilations started in 1972 — and diminished in 1978.*
a. *The AIDS syndrome began in 1977 . . . amounting to the five-year incubation-period! (1972-1977.)*

All of these surface details were widely published and are easily verifiable. The mutilations were investigated at the highest levels. At one point the F.B.I. became involved, but nothing was reported to be resolved, the problem becoming a colossal embarrassment to the authorities. They simply hoped that it would go away. The ranchers, for their part, knew that something alien was descending on their cattle. They watched large glowing lights in the night sky . . . then smaller lights descending to do their dirty work, as the coming of day would reveal.[6]

Looking at the nature of the mutilations, one could surmise that aliens were engaged in massive research into various ways of spreading the virus through human contact.

Mark Feinberg of Stanford University says: *"AIDS is unlike any disease that is prevented by vaccination. It attacks the very antibody-producing machinery that a vaccine is supposed to stimulate." And he says further: "AIDS has mutant strains, an ever-changing genetic structure. It's like trying to hit a moving target".* (NEWSWEEK, November 24, 1986.)

Logistics

If an invading armada wanted to decimate the human population, there would be no need to transport massive war equipment across the depths of Space. There would be no need for blazing ray-guns or neutron bombs. A deadly genetic virus would do the job rather well, and leave the environment intact.

The mutilations did happen, and the reasons for them were never given or explained by anyone. I submit that, if we continue on our present course of blind complacency and indifference in regard to UFO activity, there may be little salvation for the human population.

It is my hope that those who are in authority will reopen the mutilation investigation and, in this new light, look for other clues that might put our scientists on the path to a solution. In my firm opinion, AIDS was designed and calculated to invade the blood, lie dormant for a long period, so as to be passed on to others, and finally kill the host. While we are preoccupied with fighting[7] one another over issues of territory, race, and religion, we may ALL be victimized, AND POSSIBLY FOR JUST THOSE REASONS.

Are we to learn nothing from the ranks of those with vision?

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COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

(1) We now have plenty of evidence that Governments know all about the facts, and have known for a long time. We know that it is not true that the American authorities and the F.B.I. and the veterinarians are "baffled" by the mutilation phenomenon, because we now have plenty of evidence that they know all about it and have probably connived at it, being forced under duress to do so. We know that abundant testimony exists, from several members of the public who have actually witnessed the cattle mutilations by the small aliens known as *"the Greys"*, and there are rumours and reports to the effect that a leading terrestrial government actually made some sort of *deal* with these beings, a good many years ago, "permitting" them to engage in the mutilations and to establish underground bases on our Planet, in return for technical and scientific information! If such reports are true, it is obvious that such a "deal" can only have been made by a government because it was *under duress,* and had no other option.

(2) If there is truth in the persistent reports and rumours that the aliens are in serious biological trouble themselves and are in dire need of DNA or organs or other genetic material, then it should not be surprising if they decide to take what they want from us and from our herds of cattle. In this connection, be it noted that in February 1984 Dr James Womack of Texas A. & M. University announced that his researches had shown (see his Report in the U.S. national journal *Genetic Maps*) that big chunks of cattle chromosomes are identical with large sections of human chromosomes. This means that cattle genes and human genes fall in the same sequence on some chromosomes. Said Dr Womack: *"We must have more in common (with cows) than previously believed. Humans carry 23 pairs of chromosomes which contain all the hereditary factors, while cows have 30 pairs".*

Two years later (1986) it was also reported, from Texas Tech. University, that the blood of cattle can be used as an emergency substitute in blood transfusions, because the haemoglobin of cattle matches ours very closely. Obviously these new and quite unexpected discoveries by our scientists will have thrown a lot of light upon the cattle mutilations!

At this point we come to the 64-billion-dollar question: *What are the "Grey" Aliens actually doing with the sperm, and the ova, and the DNA and the various organs and body parts which they are clearly taking in such quantities from our cattle and from us.? Are they using the material in order to strengthen their own physical organisms? Or, far more sinister a possibility, are they already making biological robots? And if those biological robots are already here among us, possibly in very large numbers, does it not constitute a major "Trojan Horse" situation — an invasion from within?*

(3) And I draw the reader's attention to the intensely "interesting" fact that H.G. Wells wrote this famous best-seller in 1897 — *precisely one year after the massive "UFO visitation" of the U.S.A. in 1896!*

(4) What I have already said above should make it clear that, while I do not necessarily share the view of B.– W.– L.– that AIDS was designed by them for the express purpose of wiping us *all* out, I do agree with

him that they might have engineered it. *But for their own benefit! Any farmer or herdsman who deliberately introduced a killing disease into the animals on whom he is dependent for a part of his own well-being would be a lunatic! But it would not be surprising if he did it in order to "clean" and "purify" his stock!*

(5) An all-wise God, Nature, or Providence — call it what you will (at any rate it wasn't Karl Marx!) — has seen to it that the vaginal canal of females is exceedingly tough and resistant and can stand an enormous amount of buffeting and ill-treatment. The walls of the human anal canal however are thin and delicate, for that organ was designed — also by that same all-seeing Power — to serve as a vitally important *absorption area.* It should not be surprising therefore if creatures which do not conduct themselves according to the rules laid down by the Creative Power of the Universe perish.

(6) As already stated above, it is not true that the authorities were so ignorant of the facts. In the near future we shall publish details of cases in which humans chanced upon the *"Greys"* and found them carrying out the animal mutilations.

(7) Mankind's own inherited capacity for internecine strife is all too evident, one of our ancestors having been a particularly vicious African killer-ape, so the proclivity seems to be there in us, even without the "assistance" provided by the demons who get their kicks by egging us on. So aren't all these latest reports about "PEACE" breaking out everywhere on our planet just a wee bit strange, and *out of character* for humans? Can the reason for all this be that our Governments are beginning to be more than a trifle worried about the presence of the "Aliens"? After slaying each other so joyously for eight years, the bloodthirsty Iranian Muslims and the bloodthirsty Iraqi Muslims suddenly start talking about "peace". We are told that, after years and years in Africa, the 50,000 Cuban troops, who have no national justification for being there, are suddenly talking of going home soon. Even more astounding, the Russians say they are quitting Afghanistan! North Korea is said to be making some nicer noises in the direction of South Korea. There is talk of improvements in the situation in Kampuchea. And the Polisario freedom-fighters in the former Spanish colony in N.W. Africa are said to be patching things up with the Moroccans! Somehow, I just don't believe it all. It sounds altogether too "unnatural"!

However — there's one exception at any rate. There's not a squeak yet about any of the I.R.A. wanting "peace" in Northern Ireland. They — at any rate — don't seem to be in the slightest bit perturbed by the UFO.

Some Last Thoughts

While checking through this contribution again before sending it to the printer, I perceive that quite a long period has elapsed since I received B.– W.– L.–'s article, and also that, like so many other folk, I have been guilty of a great deal of wishful-thinking. I had started out by assuming, in common with so many, that the *normal* part of mankind — the vast majority of us — would not be in any great danger from AIDS, inasmuch as it was principally prevalent among the perverted classes and the drug-addicted elements who are hell-bent on their own destruction anyway. Seen from a certain angle, therefore, it looked as though AIDS might prove — quite *literally!* — a *"God-send"* to us, as it might at least solve two of mankind's greatest problems.

But the many medical reports and articles published so far in 1988 have now made it far more evident that a huge section of the populations of Central Africa is already AIDS-infected, and this as regards the normal, heterosexual elements. In other words, *the women are already heavily infected.*

With regard to the actual origins of these retroviruses, our scientists had discovered, in the years between 1900 and 1970, retroviruses *in many animal species.* But as late as 1975 or so, no infectious retrovirus had yet been found in human beings, and most scientists felt fairly confident that they *never* would be found! But, alas, by 1980, Dr Robert C Gallow had isolated the first human retrovirus — human T-lymphotropic virus type 1 (HTVL-1). It seems that many apes and monkeys, such as, for example, the chimpanzee, the macaque, and especially the African green monkey, do harbour viruses of this family. Gallo's researches led him to conclude that HIV has already been infecting human beings *"for more than 20 years but less than 100".* In answer to the question: "where was the HIV hiding during those years, until it suddenly burst upon us as AIDS among young homosexual men in the U.S.A. in 1981?" Dr Gallo and his French fellow-discoverer Dr Luc Montagnier believe that it had simply been lying "doggo", maybe for many years, inside very small, isolated groups of humans in Africa who had virtually no contact with the outside world. In this way, the virus might have continued to be contained for decades. But when increased external contact came — BANG! — and it "took off in a big way."

Here, then, in a nutshell, you have the official scientific explanation. But are the scientists wrong? Or, alternatively, are they being instructed to concoct theories which will serve to conceal the facts? "For more than 20 years but less than 100" say Drs Gallo and Montagnier. THE MASSIVE ALIEN ACTIVITY HERE HAS LASTED ABOUT 40 YEARS — WELL INSIDE THAT "20 to 100 YEARS" FRAMEWORK.

Let us not forget that the animal mutilations (10,000 of them) were a FACT, but, as our writer says, they have abated from the very time when AIDS was starting. Is there any truth, then, in the link which B.– W.– L.– tries to establish between UFOs and AIDS? *I suggest that it "bears thinking about . . ."*

In the last analysis, naturally, all depends upon the *motivation and nature of the alien species now controlling us.* If indeed they mean us well, then the cleansing power of AIDS might be a part of the *Grand Design.*

Should the aims of the controllers be *sinister,* (and should there be no other aliens around with more benevolent ways of thinking towards us), then truly one must admit that AIDS may be the Ultimate Weapon after all. Certainly these two factors, the AIDS, and the massive climatic changes now affecting the Earth (especially Africa) are going to carry off an enormous harvest.

In any case, quite apart from such questions as AIDS, there are a discerning few in our world who perceive what the Signs of the Times are. In other words, they *"know what time it is"!* There is a very great deal that could, and might, be said about that sort of question, but, alas, on the whole it is not a question in which FSR readers show any great interest. It would therefore not be right to say more, at least not at present.

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ENCOUNTERS IN SPANISH AIR-SPACE BETWEEN AIRCRAFT AND UFOS

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(Translated from Spanish)

In this work we propose to present to those who are interested the problem of encounters, at varying degrees of proximity, between aircraft in flight (civilian as well as military) and UFOs.

To constitute this dossier, we have selected *fifteen cases,* all from Spanish air-space, which stand out as especially representative of this particular category of occurrences. All fifteen of them are well documented cases with high reliability indices in respect of trustworthiness, "strangeness", and quality in general.

What we aim to bring out principally are the main features of the behaviour of the UFOs towards aircraft, inasmuch as, by a thorough-going study of such behaviour, we may be able to arrive at conclusions of great importance and significance regarding the possible nature of the UFOs themselves.

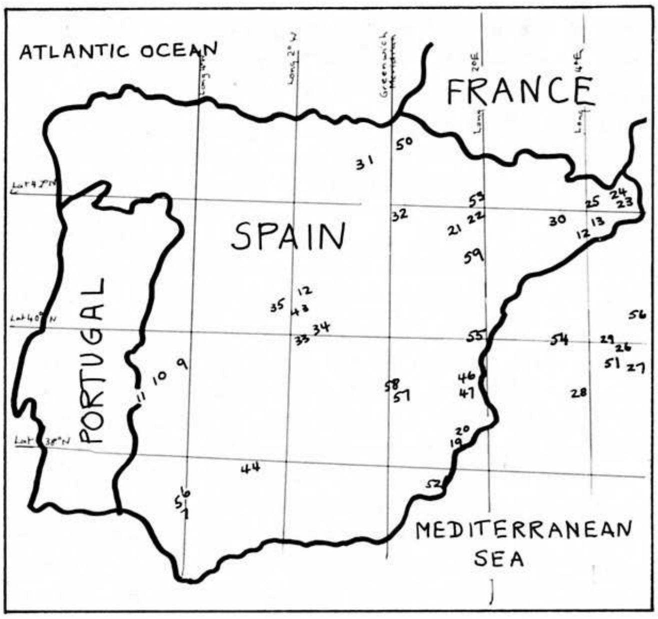
The pilots who report these encounters are professionals of great capability and highly trustworthy — generally men with thousands of hours of flying experience, who are familiar with all the types of occurrence that may crop up while they are in the air. They are well-educated people, and trained to be good observers, people who would never dare to risk their own reputations by giving vivid descriptions that did not correspond to the true reality.

In many cases, these eyewitness reports from pilots are supported by other technical evidence, such as simultaneous radar recordings of the phenomenon, which serve to reinforce the veracity of the events described by the pilots.

The various types of behaviour by the UFOs as described, repeated as they are in case after case, provide valuable data which we need to interpret with all the necessary skill.

CASE NO. 1
DATE: December 1965
PLACE: Vicinity of San Pablo Airport, Sevilla.
TIME: 2.30 a.m.-3.15 a.m. (Duration 45 minutes.)
WEATHER: Fine night, clear sky.
AIRCRAFT: A commercial transport *Convair CV-440 Metropolitan* of the AVIACO Company, on a night-flight, Madrid-Sevilla-Málaga, along Air-Lane R-10.
CREW: Captain Vicente Roa, former Spanish Air Force officer. Second Pilot: Alfonso Gonzalez Romero (13,000 hours of flying).
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Tubular-shaped object some 50 m. long. Luminous fluorescent white colour, surrounded by a halo of light. Outline somewhat hazy. Object then changed shape, becoming *discoidal,* with a sort of cupola on its top, and colour changed to bluish.
DETECTION BY RADAR: *Positive.* By Military Radar Station EVA-3 at Constantina (Sevilla). (The radar of the aeroplane itself was not switched on at the time.)
ADDITIONAL DATA: The object was also observed by some 20 people in the control-tower and the airport installations.
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: As the *Convair CV-440* arrived over the River Guadalquivir in its approach to San Pablo Airport, EVA-3 Radar Station informed the pilots that they had an unidentified object on their starboard side, flying parallel to the *Convair.* The *Convair* had begun its descent and was at a height of 2,400 m. The pilots caught sight of the object, at a distance of two or three kms., flying a little lower than themselves, and it proceeded to accompany them for ten minutes at a speed of some 440 km/p.h., until they touched down. Then the pilots went over to the control-tower and, together with the personnel on duty there, watched the object, stationary and disc-shaped, at a distance of about 5 kms, and at a height of 12 m. above the top end of runway no. 27. After remaining stationary for half an hour, the object made a move towards the right and then rose to an altitude of around 2,400-2,700 m., behind the control-tower. When the *Convair* took off again for Málaga, the pilots made a turn and headed towards the object, but it at once shot off towards the NW (300° or 330°). The EVA-3 radar operators informed the pilots that it vanished from the radarscope (which has a 330 km. range) in two or three seconds, from which it was calculated that the UFO's speed had been around 33,000 km./p.h.
SOURCE OF REPORT: *Encuentros en Montaña Roja,* by J.J. Benítez, pub. in *Colección Varia* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1981, pages 100-104.

CASE NO. 2
DATE: June 9, 1967.
PLACE: Above Extremadura Province (West-Central Spain).
TIME: Day. (Duration: over 30 minutes.)
AIRCRAFT: Two jet training-craft, *Lockheed T-33A Shooting Stars,* of 73 Group of the Jet School at the Air Force Base of Talavera La Real (Badajoz Province, W. Spain); and two *North American F-86F Sabre fighters,* of 104 Squadron at the Torrejón de Ardoz (Madrid) Air Base. All Spanish Air Force craft.
CREWS: Lt. Bayardo Abós, pilot-instructor at the Jet School, flying in a *T-33A Shooting Star,* plus three other pilot officers.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: "Strange object corresponding to no known type".
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: While piloting a *T-33A* fighter, Lt. Bayardo Abós, together with a companion who was flying in another machine of the same type, saw a strange flying object when they were at 1,200 m. over Extremadura Province. Both aircraft approached the object, which was stationary, and tried to identify it. It gave no response to the pilot's signals. They noticed that each time they passed above the strange craft their radios were blotted out by interference (similar but not identical with the noise produced by storms), which interference ceased when the aircraft moved away from the object. The two officers reported the encounter to the Talavera Air Base, from where the matter was reported to the Air Defence Headquarters at Torrejón de Ardoz (Madrid). At once two of the fastest *F-86F Sabre* fighters took off from



1. Madrid
2. Barajas Airport, Madrid
3. Paracuellos del Jarama, Madrid
4. Torrejón de Ardoz Spanish Air Force Field, Madrid
5. Sevilla
6. San Pablo Civilian Airport, Sevilla
7. EVA-3 military radar station, Constantina, Sevilla
8. Málaga
9. Extremadura Province
10. Talavera La Real
11. Badajoz
12. Barcelona
13. Rubí
14. Las Palmas
15. Villa Cisneros
16. Tenerife
17. Santa Cruz de Tenerife
18. Grand Canary Island
19. Alicante
20. EVA-5 military radar station, Alcoy, Alicante
21. Zaragoza
22. EVA-1 military radar station, Inogés, Zaragoza
23. Gerona
24. L'Estartit, near Gerona
25. EVA-4 military radar station, Rosas, Gerona
26. Balearic Islands
27. Majorca (= Mallorca)
28. Ibiza, Majorca
29. EVA-7 military radar station, Sóller, Majorca
30. Cataluña Generality
31. Logroño
32. Moncayo Mountain Massif
33. Toledo
34. EVA-2 military radar station, Villatobas, Toledo
35. Getafe, near Madrid
36. Spanish Sahara (El Aaiún)
37. Canary Islands
38. Tenerife
39. Las Palmas (Gando Air Traffic Control Centre)
40 EVA-8 military radar station, Mt. Pico de las Nieves, Grand Canary Island.
41. Ampuriabrava
42. Playa de Aro
43. Pals
44. Córdoba
45. Fernán Núñez
46. Valencia
47. Manises Airport, Valencia
48. Island of Lanzarote
49. Arrecife (on Isle of Lanzarote)
50. Pamplona
51. Palma de Mallorca (Majorca)
52. Cabo de Palos (Murcia Province)
53. Huesca Province
54. Columbrete Islands
55. Castellón
56. Minorca
57. Albacete
58. Los Llanos Airport, Albacete
59. Province of Aragón

Torrejón. The two *T-33* trainers were much slower than the mystery object, which was now no longer stationary and had moved off (at over 940 km./p.h.), and kept stopping and then moving off again as the two fighters approached.

When the two *F-86Fs* arrived on the scene, their two pilots and the two pilots of the trainers *all experienced an identical phenomenon: namely, interference with radio.* Moreover the object they were pursuing now stepped up its speed (to over 1100 km/p.h) and was clearly of a totally unknown nature. Finally the object suddenly shot straight upwards at an unbelievable speed and was instantly gone from sight.
SOURCE: Report in C.E.I. Archives.

CASE NO. 3
DATE: September 10, 1967.
PLACE: Rubí region, 11 kms. NW of Barcelona.
TIME: 6.00 p.m.-6.03 p.m. (Duration 3 minutes.)
AIRCRAFT: A *Douglas DC-6* commercial transport owned by the British company Air Ferry Ltd., in flight from England to Mallorca. Air-lane: UB-31.
CREW: Captain F.E.C. Underhill. Second Pilot: B. Dunlop.
PHENOMENON: Object "shaped like an inverted cornet", with a rounded base and the top pointed. Appearance metallic.
RADAR RETURN: *Negative.*
THE INCIDENT: The *DC-6* was cruising at about 500 km/p.h. and at an altitude of 5,300 m. The two pilots and the other two members of the crew perceived a strange object at 30° to their port side. It was moving westwards rapidly at a slightly lower altitude than they were at. Then it performed a turn and, reducing speed, approached the *DC-6* from the front and then passed beneath its starboard wing, finally vanishing to the south. The two British pilots estimated its speed at about 1100-1290 kms./p.h. They reported the strange encounter forthwith to the Barcelona Air Traffic Control Centre, who told them there were no other aircraft airborne in the Zone, apart from themselves.
SOURCE: Ms. Book (unpublished): *La Universidad y los Platillos Volantes. (The University and the Flying Saucers),* pages 219-221. In C.E.I. Library.

CASE NO. 4
DATE: March 14, 1968.
PLACE: Las Palmas — Villa Cisneros — Las Palmas (Canary Islands).
TIME: 9.00 p.m.-11.15 p.m. (Duration 135 minutes.)
WEATHER: Clear sky at Villa Cisneros. Some cloud at Las Palmas. No moon.
AIRCRAFT: A *Fokker F-27- "Friendship"* commercial transport of the Spantax Company, serving the regular route Las Palmas — Villa Cisneros — Las Palmas.

CREW: Captain Andrés Ciudad Aldehuela. Second Pilot: Francisco Andreu.
PHENOMENON: Shining white spherical object, changing colour at times to pale red or slightly orange, emitting great flashes and intensely bright. Probable size: about 10 m. in diameter.
ADDITIONAL DATA: The object was also seen from the Villa Cisneros Airport by many people, including:–

Air Traffic Officer Eusebio Moratilla,
Major Hontanillo, Medical Surgeon,
The Service Chief of the Airport,
An Officer of the Foreign Legion,
The newspaperman Mario Jambrina.

The object was watched from the control-tower with 7 × 50 binoculars. Some days later the Air Ministry issued an official note confirming the occurrence, and they made an investigation.
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: As the *Fokker F-27* was commencing its approach to the Villa Cisneros Airport, at a height of about 600 m. the two pilots observed on their port side, and close to them, a bright sphere which was accompanying them and flying parallel to them. When they landed, it made off at great speed and vanished. It had escorted them for four minutes. An hour later, the aircraft took off for the return flight to Las Palmas, and while it was taxi-ing out from the parking site at the top of the runway, the UFO flew over the control-tower and halted right above the nearby barracks of the Foreign Legion.

When the *Fokker F-27* took off, the UFO approached them, and took up position on their starboard side and accompanied them almost as far as Las Palmas — somewhat more than an hour's flight. The sphere maintained the same altitude as the aircraft, between 4,200 and 4,800 m., and the same speed as theirs — about 420 kms./p.h. At times it climbed or descended, or changed colour, from white to orange, always keeping at a distance of some 7-9 kms. to the starboard of the *Fokker*. The pilots watched it in amazement, for its changes of altitude were at an astounding speed. When the *Fokker* started its descent towards Las Palmas, the sphere vanished into the clouds.
SOURCE: *Encuentro en Montaña Roja,* pub. in *Colección Varia* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1981, pages 93-99. Also newspaper *La Vanguardia,* March 17, 1968.

CASE NO. 5
DATE: September 17, 1968.
PLACE: Tenerife — Las Palmas Air-Lane. At 74 kms. from the Las Palmas/Gando Airport (Canary Islands).
DATE: 11.00 p.m.-11.05 p.m. (Duration: five minutes.)
AIRCRAFT: *Fokker F-27 "Friendship"* commercial transport of the Spantax Company. On Flight No. 220, Tenerife-Las Palmas.
CREW: Captain Julián Rodríguez Bustamante. Second Pilot: José Luis Ibáñez.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Bright spherical object. Diameter: 3 m. Emitting an intense almost "metallic-looking" bluish-green coloured light in rapid intermittent bursts.
RADAR RETURN: *Negative.*
FURTHER DATA: During that same night, while distant some 160 kms. from the Canary Isles, people aboard two *DC-9* planes of the Iberia Line, the one plane flying the Sevilla-Tenerife route and the other flying the Sevilla-Las Palmas route (Captain Rafael Gárate being the pilot of the second aircraft) saw an immense bright green "explosion" between Tenerife and Grand Canary.
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: The *Fokker F-27* was already very near the coast of Grand Canary, flying at 2,700 m. and at a speed of 480 kms./p.h., when the pilot looked out through a porthole and saw a point of light far away in the sky. Suddenly, the point of light was heading at high speed on a collision course straight towards the aircraft, and in a matter of seconds, or indeed of deci-seconds, it had arrived and halted suddenly without any prior deceleration and took up position near their port wing, remaining there at a distance of about 20 or 30 m. from the aircraft. The pilots were astounded, for such a manoeuvre seemed impossible and they were already awaiting the impact. Then they noted that the intensely green glow emitted by the object was penetrating into the entire interior of their aircraft, absorbing the red and white lights of the cockpit and the passengers' cabin.

Among the passengers were the U.D. Las Palmas football team. They, and all the other passengers, had a clear view of the object on the port side of the *F-27,* where it remained for about three minutes, accompanying them over a distance of some 18-22 kilometres. Then the object performed a sort of turn and dropped to a lower level, but then rose up again to the level of their port wing. Then it made off at an incredible speed towards the north from whence it had come, and was finally gone. The pilots had reported the encounter to Air Control in the Canary Islands, who were able to offer no explanation.

Pilot Bustamante sent an official report on the affair to the Air Ministry, who forbade them to make any public statements about it.
SOURCE: *Encuentros en Montaña Roja,* by J.J. Benítez, published in the *Colleción Varia* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat, (Barcelona) 1981, pages 79-84. Also newspaper *Diario de Las Palmas,* September 18, 1968.

CASE NO. 6
DATE: November 4, 1968.
PLACE: Barcelona — Alicante (Air-Lane UB-28).
TIME: Night. Duration more than 15 minutes.
AIRCRAFT: An *Aérospatiale Caravelle* commercial plane of the Iberia Air Line. Flying regularly between London and Alicante on Air-Lane UB-28.
CREW: Captain Juan Ignacio Lorenzo Torres, former pilot officer of the Spanish Air Force, with 9,000 hours of flying to his credit. Second Pilot: Juan Celdrán García. Flight-Mechanic: Cuenca Paneque.
PHENOMENON: Spherical object with two spheres beside it laterally. The central sphere 1 m. in diameter, the other two spheres 0.50 m. in diameter. Intensely vivid white and red colouring changing to blue and then to grey. The light pulsating "like some sort of interlaced *veins* inside it"... "giving the appearance of *some living thing breathing*".
DETECTION BY RADAR: *Positive.* The Military Radar Stations EVA-1 at Inogés (Zaragoza, Province of Aragón, N.E. Spain), EVA-4 at Rosas (Gerona, N.E. Spain), EVA-5 at Alcoy (Alicante, S.E. Spain), and EVA-7 at Sollér (Mallorca, Balearic Islands) all picked it up.
ADDITIONAL DATA: On the following day, in Barcelona, Colonel Aleu, Head of the Cataluña Air Sector, requested a full report from the pilot, and told him that the military radars of the Eastern Zone of the Iberian Peninsula had registered the movements of all three spheres, and he stated specifically that the speeds at which the echoes moved were "incalculable". Finally, one of the spheres had vanished upwards, he said. The second had vanished from sight when it had gone 37 kms., and the third had vanished at a still more distant point than that.

ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: The *Caravelle* was flying at an altitude of 9,300 m. near Barcelona, and at a speed of about 750 kms./p.h. The Barcelona Air Control Centre told them to descend to 8,400 m. The two pilots at once began to keep a watch on all sides, expecting that this meant there was another aircraft near them. Very soon they observed a powerful light approaching at tremendous speed from in front of them, and it took up a position some 10 m. in front of the nose of their aircraft. It appeared like a body consisting of three spheres, and it adjusted its speed to that of the *Caravelle*. The vividly intense light invaded the entire cabin. Then the object moved away momentarily, only to approach again forthwith and, to the amazement and terror of the pilots, it started to perform all manner of evolutions around the *Caravelle* (right-angle turns, loops, sweeps in hyperbolic and parabolic curves, "jumps" from one position to another, incredibly tight turns, etc., etc.). This went on for ten minutes, all of it performed at a speed that it was almost impossible even to follow with the human eye and that would have destroyed any human being that was inside the UFO as it exceeded the limit of 5 "g"s positive or negative.

According to the pilots' statements, the movements of the objects defied all the laws of physics.

Then the *Caravelle's* crew turned on all their outside lights and began to flash powerful signals, turning on and off their Taxi Way lights more than twenty times. The UFO responded in like fashion: when the *Caravelle* switched on all its lights, the UFO increased its own brightness. When they turned their lights off, it diminished its brightness.

This was an exchange of signals, a communication.

Finally, the object performed a turn, and vanished at great speed towards the Balearic Islands. The *Caravelle* continued on its course and landed in Alicante safely.

SOURCE: *Encuentros en Montaña Roja,* by J.J. Benítez. Published in the *Colección Varia* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1981. Pages 247-254.

CASE NO. 7

DATE: November 4, 1970.

PLACE: Air-space between Logroño and the Moncayo Mountain Massif. (Region of La Rioja — Zaragoza, N.E. Spain).

TIME: 11.15 a.m.-11.45 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes.)

AIRCRAFT: Two Spanish Air Force *North American F-86F Sabre* fighters of 102 Air Defence Squadron based at Zaragoza were on a regular training flight practicing air interception.

CREWS: Captain-Pilot Sáez Benito and Pilot-Lt. Luis Carbayo Olivares (the latter subsequently to be a Commander with the Spantax Air Line). Both very serious, trustworthy men, with outstanding records of service.

PHENOMENON: An egg-shaped object, in a vertical position, with a sort of "crest" on top and two square windows at one-third of its height. Metallic appearance. Its diameter approximately 25 m. No propellors or trail visible, nor any sort of engines that might be driving it.

DETECTION BY RADAR: *Positive.* Military Radar Stations EVA-1 at Inogés (Zaragoza) and EVA-2 at Villatobas (Toledo) picked it up.

ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: In the course of a joint exercise with the U.S. Air Force, the two *F-86s* were flying in tight formation seeking a supposed enemy aircraft that they were to intercept, guided to it by ground-radar. Meanwhile, the Radar Station informed both pilots that an echo which had appeared on its screen was moving at an unusual speed and in an unusual fashion.

At first the pilots of the two fighters failed to detect the object themselves, but later, when they were returning to Base, they saw a bright glow high up in the sky. Thinking it was a U.S. Air Force *F-4 Phantom* jet of the "enemy" force, they headed for it in order to carry out the simulated combat. They started to climb and, over Logroño, they found that it was a strange object and that it was heading straight towards them. The two fighters, which were now at 11,000 m. altitude and doing 1,000 kms./p.h., made for the "egg" with a view to taking a turn around it and coming upon it from what they supposed to be its "rear".

But then the object, as though reading the intentions of the two pilots, began at fantastic speed to make rings *around them* instead, after which it took up position right on their tails. After that, no matter what manoeuvre they tried, they could never get behind it. Every time they attempted to do so, the "egg" always managed to manoeuvre so that it continued to sit right behind them. In the opinion of the two pilots, it was unquestionably under control and it moved as though completely familiar with the techniques of aerial combat.

The pilots reported the matter to the Ground-Radar installations, and two of the stations replied that they had a "fix" on the object. Both the pilots felt great apprehension in view of their defenceless situation in the face of this apparatus of an unknown technology, both of the fighters being in any case quite unarmed for either attack or defence.

Finding that they were now running low on fuel, the pilots decided to head quickly back to their Base at Zaragoza, and commenced the descent accordingly. Then, to their amazement, they found the object was still following them and clinging to their tails. When they had travelled 90 kms. with the "egg" behind them, and were at a height of 600 m. near the Moncayo Massif, they saw the object shoot straight upwards at a speed they reckoned "unheard of" for any terrestrial craft, and vanish from sight, this manoeuvre also being seen on the Ground-Radar. The two *F-86s* then flew on and landed without further incident.

SOURCE: Report in C.E.I. Archives. Book, *El Síndrome OVNI (The UFO Syndrome),* by Fernando Jiménez del Oso, in *Colección Documento,* published by Editorial Planeta S.A., Barcelona, 1984, (pages 52-53).

CASE NO. 8

DATE: 1971. Month and day unknown.

PLACE: Air-Space between Talavera La Real and Getafe (i.e., Badajoz area and Madrid).

TIME: 3.00 p.m.-3.15 p.m. (Duration: 15 minutes.)

WEATHER: Broad daylight. Cold. Sky partly overcast.

AIRCRAFT: Four aircraft of the Spanish Air Force: A *Lockheed T-33A Shooting Star* training jet of the 73rd. Group of the Jet School at the Talavera La Real Air Force Base (Badajoz, West Central Spain), and three *Lockheed F-104G Starfighter* pursuit craft of the 104th. Squadron of the Air Force Base at Torrejón de Ardoz (Madrid).

The mission of the *T-33A Shooting Star* was to carry out an IFR (instrumental) flight from Talavera to Getafe. The mission of the three *F-104 Starfighters* was to go up and intercept an unknown flying object which had been detected, and for which the alert had been sounded.

CREWS: In the *Lockheed T-33A Shooting Star:* Captain Tudor and Captain Cobaleda, both pilot-instruc-

tors at the Jet School, each with some 8,000 flying hours to his credit, in various types of aircraft.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED; An oval-shaped object some 30 m in diameter. Emitting a very intense fixed light. Giving off no trail or smoke.
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: The two pilots in the *T-33A Shooting Star* trainer were at 4,500 m. and doing 600 kms./p.h. when they perceived a strange bright mass at an estimated distance of 100 m. or so from their port wing. Despite the fact that it was broad daylight, the object was emitting an intense luminosity. It adjusted its speed to theirs, and flew along parallel with them. Then the two pilots, alarmed, called up the Torrejón Base on their radio, and at once the three *F-104G* fighters were sent up with the task of intercepting and identifying the strange object. When it had been accompanying the trainer for 15 minutes, and only seconds before the arrival of the intercepting fighters, the object vanished at an unimaginable speed. The three *F-104G* fighters then escorted the *T-33A* trainer for the rest of its flight to Getafe.
SOURCE: Report in C.E.I. Archives.

CASE NO. 9
DATE: January 1972.
PLACE: El Aaiún — Tenerife Air-Lane (i.e., Sahara to Canary Islands).
TIME: Night. Duration 22 minutes.
WEATHER: Sky clear. Visibility excellent.
AIRCRAFT: A *Fokker F-27 " Friendship"* commercial transport of Iberian Air Lines. On regular flight between El Aaiún (Spanish Sahara) and Tenerife.
CREW: Command Pilot (unnamed). Second Pilot: Javier Pardo Checa.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Discoidal object "shaped like a dish with a cup on top of it". Size: about 35 m. diameter. Extremely bright white colour, particularly around periphery. Had two fixed lights, one red and the other white, both of which lit up intermittently. No opening or other structural details observed.
RADAR DETECTION: *Positive.* Detected by the Air Traffic Control Centre at Las Palmas/Gando, and probably also by the EVA-8 Military Radar Station on the Pico de las Nieves mountain in Gran Canaria Island.
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: Three minutes after the *Fokker F-27* had taken off from El Aaiún, and when it was at 1,200 m. and climbing, and travelling at about 450 kms./p.h., the two pilots observed a luminous discoidal object with a cupola coming up towards them *from the sea.* (N.B.! Translator.) When the unknown object was at their altitude it remained there, at a distance of about 7 kms. from them. At first the pilots thought they were going to collide with it, and they took evasive action, but the object continued near them. For some minutes the pilots put the *F-27* through various manoeuvres, climbing, descending, putting on speed, etc., but they were unable to shake it off. Finally, they got back on course, at 3,500 m. and reported to Air Control Centre, Las Palmas, accordingly, where they were told that the Centre had also made radar contact with the object.

The UFO accompanied the *Fokker* for 22 minutes, after which it vanished at a speed described by the pilots as unbelievable.
SOURCE: *El Síndrome OVNI (The UFO Syndrome),* by Fernando Jiménez del Oso, published in *Colección Documento* by Editorial Planeta S.A., Barcelona, 1984. Pages 47-48.

CASE NO. 10
DATE: July 16, 1973.
PLACE: Region of L'Estartit (Gerona, Cataluña, N.E. Spain).
TIME: 6.30 p.m. — 6.42 p.m. (Duration: 12 minutes.)
WEATHER: Clear sky with a few *strati* at around 1,400 m. Visibility: better than 30 kms. Temperature: warm and dry. Broad daylight, and the Sun just setting in the West.
AIRCRAFT: A light aircraft, *Cessna 88,* being used for firefighting, under contract with the I.C.O.N.A. The machine was flying from Ampuriabrava to Playa de Aro, in order to go and help to extinguish a forest fire.
CREW: pilot; Miguel Romero Fernández de Córdoba, aged 32.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Solid, smooth object shaped like an egg with its lower part sliced off, in an upright position, and rotating on its axis. Colour: greenish from the top to half-way down. Thereafter orange, and then reddish below. Radiating light. Width: about 10 m. Height: about 20 m. It was emitting a sound resembling powerful, sustained thunder, much louder than the noise of the *Cessna's* engine.
FURTHER DETAILS: Simultaneously, the entire region experienced an electricity black-out. When the *Cessna* pilot got back to Ampuriabrava, he was very shaken and disturbed by the experience which he described to various people, including Commander Raga, Officer in charge at the EVA-4 Military Radar Station at Rosas (Gerona), who said to him that he was *"not the first, nor would he be the last, to see such things".*
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: The *Cessna* was flying at 1,000 m., and at a speed of about 160 kms./p.h., on a 210° (SW) course, and was about 14 kms. to the north of L'Estartit when the pilot sighted, on the same level as his own machine, and a little bit ahead of him on his starboard side, a strange object which, from that moment onwards, began to keep company with him while performing numerous sweeps around his *Cessna,* always keeping its position between a maximum distance of 100 m. and a minimum of 10 m. from him, and all the time at speeds of not more than 180 kms./p.h. This impressed the pilot powerfully, and inspired in him an acute sense of fear and indeed a sense of being *hypnotically attracted* to the object as he gazed at it. He contacted his base, and said he was having "difficulties" (without indicating exactly *what*) while continuing with his efforts to escape.

He went down in a dive to as low an altitude as 200 m., but without success. Then he even thought of making an emergency landing on the nearby beach at Pals, near L'Estartit. Then, however, the object suddenly climbed away at an immense speed and vanished into the sky.

To his great fear — indeed his anxiety and panic — the *Cessna* pilot had noticed that at various moments his radio had gone totally dead. So he had in fact removed his earphones, which had enabled him to hear the vast noise emitted by the object.
SOURCE: C.E.I.'s "STENDEK" BULLETIN, No. 14, pages 2-5. Report in C.E.I. Archives.

CASE NO. 11.

DATE: About 1976. Month and day unknown.
PLACE: Air-space over the Province of Córdoba (S.W.Spain).
TIME: From midnight until 12.05 a.m. (Duration: five minutes.)
AIRCRAFT: A *Piper PA-31 Navajo* executive light

plane, owned by a private air-taxi company. On flight from Sevilla to Valencia.
CREW: Pilot Officer Teodoro-José Ferreira.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: A red luminous object. No other details observed, except that the red light was intermittent, with a strange rhythm.
RADAR DETECTION: *Positive.* By EVA-3 Military Radar Station at Constantina (Sevilla.)
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: The *Piper* was flying at an altitude of about 3,000 — 4,000 m. and at a speed of about 350 kms/p.h. when, after passing over the city of Córdoba, the pilot observed a red light approaching him on his port side. Thinking it to be another aircraft, he signalled to it with his floodlights, by way of greeting, and also to notify them of his own presence. The unknown light did not respond, but took up a position somewhat behind the *Piper* on its port side, and began to follow, on a parallel course.

The pilot called the Air Control in Sevilla and told them that he had a strange light beside him. They replied that there was no other aircraft in the Zone. On the pilot's insistence, however, the Sevilla Air Control contacted the EVA—3 Military Radar Station, where the Air Force confirmed that *they* had the object on their radarscopes, and the *Piper* pilot was duly notified to this effect.

Five minutes later, the object vanished from the vicinity of the *Piper.* Then the pilot was informed by Sevilla Air Control that, according to information received from the military at EVA-3, the UFO had flown over the *Piper,* and had vanished at an unheard of speed in the direction of Fernán Núñez, a town to the south of Córdoba. *According to the radar records, the UFO had covered some 93 kilometres in just three seconds, with the result that its speed could be calculated at around 70,000 kms./p.h. with no possibility of error.* The object had then remained stationary in the sky over Fernán Núñez for some time, before moving off very slowly on a S-N course. These details were passed by the Sevilla Air Control Centre to the *Piper* pilot, who continued on his flight and saw nothing more of the red light.
SOURCE: *Incidente en Manises* (*Incident at Manises*), by J.J.Benítez, published in the *Colección Realismo Fantástico* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1982. Pages 120-123.

CASE NO. 12.

DATE: May 1977.
PLACE: Between Arrecife (Island of Lanzarote) and Las Palmas (Grand Canary Island.) (Air-Lanes G-5 and B-14.)
TIME: Starting at 9.30 p.m. Ending at 9.55 p.m. (Duration: 25 minutes.)
WEATHER: Sky clear, with a few clouds near Las Palmas.
AIRCRAFT: A *McDonnell Douglas DC-9-30* commercial transport of the Iberia Air Line, on a regular flight between Arrecife and Las Palmas.
CREW: Captain: Rafael Gárate, former Air Force officer for eleven years, piloting *F-86 Sabre* and *F-104 Starfighter* combat aircraft, with 18,000 hours of flying. Also a Second Pilot, and a Cargo Attendant.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Luminous oval object, of extremely bright, vivid yellowish-white hue. "Size of a football". (*balón*).
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: The *DC-9-30* had just taken off from the Arrecife Airport and, when airborne, had banked with the sea on the starboard side. When it was at a height of 750 m. and was circling in a climb to reach its prescribed flight level, the two pilots saw a light beginning to come towards them from the area above the adjacent mountains, growing larger and more luminous as it approached. The Second Pilot and the Cargo Attendant both became extremely nervous. The pilot ordered light-signals to be flashed. When this was done, the object stopped approaching, and kept its distance. Then it rapidly shot straight up vertically, and passed over the *DC-9-30* and took up position on their port side.

The *DC-9-30* was meanwhile at an altitude of 3,000 m., and travelling at 750 kms./p.h. From then on, the object accompanied them for twenty minutes, flying parallel to them and at the same speed. *The pilot attempted to make telepathic contact with the hypothetical crew of the object (seeing it was clearly being intelligently controlled) but with no success.*

Shortly before landing at Las Palmas, just as they were completing their approach run, the unknown object vanished among the clouds.
SOURCE: *Encuentros en Montaña Roja,* by J.J.Benítez, published in the *Colección Varia* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1981. Pages 21-25.

CASE NO. 13.

DATE: March 10, 1979.
PLACE: Madrid Region.
TIME: 1.35 p.m. — 1.40 p.m. (Duration: five minutes.)
WEATHER: Sky clear. Wind calm. Visibility: 10 kms.
AIRCRAFT: A *McDonnell-Douglas DC-9-30* commercial transport of the Aviaco Company. On flight from Pamplona to Madrid.
CREW: Captain: Antonio Miralles, former Pilot-Captain, Spanish Air Force, Inspector and Flying-Instructor. Second Pilot: José Antonio Silva do Porto, pilot since 1956, having flown more than 50 types of aircraft, with a total of 9,000 flying hours, being also a chemist and a professional person connected with the press and TV. Also the Air Hostess María Aburto, herself a qualified pilot.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Oval-shaped object some 100 m. or so in diameter. Colour: very bright luminous white.
RADAR DETECTION: *Positive.* Picked up by Air Traffic Control Centre at Paracuellos del Jarama (Madrid) and probably also by Military Radar Station EVA-2 at Villatobas (Toledo) and also by the radar at the Air Force Base at Torrejón (Madrid).
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: At 1.30 p.m., as the *DC-9-30* was approaching the Madrid VOR, bound for the Barajas Airport, the pilots heard on their radio that another of the Iberia Company's planes, which was ahead of them and had come up from the south of Spain, had reported an unknown object following them on their port side. The Paracuellos Control Tower replied that they too had had the said object on their radarscope since 11.30 a.m., and that they did not know what it was; that they had reported all this to Air Defence Headquarters at Torrejón.

When the *DC-9-30* was approaching the CPL ("Charli-Papa-Lima") VOR, at an altitude of 1,500 m. and a speed of 500 kms./p.h., they were informed by Control of the presence of the unknown object ahead of them. Far off, the pilots could see "a continuous flashing point of light, of an extraordinary brightness" approaching and increasing in size as it came.

On receipt of the authorization to come in, the *DC-9-30* started to descend to 1,200 m. and reduce speed to 480 kms./p.h., wheeling around meanwhile on to a NNW course (330°.) The object was then situated

some 10 kms. to the aircraft's port side and accompanying them on a parallel course, which confirmed what the Radar Station people had said.

The object accompanied the *DC-9-30* for 25 kms. during its descent, adjusting its speed down to the successive changes in speed of the aircraft as the latter went from 480 kms./p.h. to 260 kms./p.h., and maintaining the same flight level as the *DC-9-30* until the latter was very low. As soon as they reached Barajas, they lost sight of the object behind the buildings.

The pilots went to lunch, and later a traffic-controller came to see them and explained that the object had been in the Zone for two hours, approaching aircraft and following them on down during their landing manoeuvres. He also told the pilots that, at about 2.05 p.m., the object had departed along the airport's entrance-lane (*i.e., in a prohibited direction.*) Reaching the "Charli-Papa-Lima" VOR, on a 150° course, the object then turned west and went 30 kms. to the "air-spot" dubbed *"Yebra"*, where it split up into three totally separate objects which remained for some time, flying around over the Zone. Then the three objects joined up again to form one object, before vanishing from sight at an incredible speed.

All these movements described had been recorded on the radarscopes.

SOURCE: *Encuentros en Montaña Roja*, by J.J.Benítez, published in the *Colección Varia* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1981. Pages 192-200.

CASE NO. 14.

DATE: November 11, 1979.

PLACE: Palma de Mallorca — Valencia Route. (Air-Lanes UW-20 and G-30.)

TIME: 11.05 p.m. — 11.30 p.m. (Duration: 20 minutes.)

WEATHER: Sky clear. Visibility unlimited. Wind calm.

AIRCRAFT: An *"Aérospatiale Super-Caravelle"* commercial transport of the Spanish Air Transport Company TAE, Registration No. EC-CUM. Flight JK-297, from Salzburg (Austria) via Palma de Mallorca and Santa Cruz de Tenerife, to Las Palmas on Grand Canary Island.

CREW: Captain: Francisco Javier Lerdo de Tejada, aged 34, former Spanish Air Force pilot with eight years service in the Air Force and over 8,000 hours of flying time. Second Pilot: Ramón Zuazu, aged 28, former Pilot Officer, with nine years of service in the Air Force and some 3,000 hours of flying. Flight-Mechanic: Francisco Javier Rodríguez.

PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Object of indefinite shape, apparent size about 200 m. wide, with two very powerful fixed red lights, one at each extremity.

RADAR DETECTION: *Positive.* EVA-5 Military Radar Station at Alcoy (Alicante) and possibly also EVA-7 Military Radar Station at Sóller (Mallorca) picked it up.

ADDITIONAL DATA: Prior to the sighting of the object, an unintelligible distress signal had been received at 11.03 a.m. on the radio emergency channel, and was localized as coming from 74 kms. to the N.E. of Valencia, off Sagunto. The source of same was never discovered. After the aircraft had reached Manises, three unknown lights were seen in the sky, from the Air Base there, by about 40 civilians and several military people, notable among them being:-

The Airport Director, Aeronautical Engineer Miguel Morlán,

Air Traffic Officers Salvador Tomás Rubio and José Miguel Gallardo,

Air Traffic Controllers Evelio Tabernero, Bernabeu, Generoso, and others.

That particular sighting lasted about two hours. The pilots of the *Super-Caravelle* and personnel of the Manises Airport made statements about it to the Air Force authorities who investigated the case.

ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: After making a stop at Palma de Mallorca the *Super-Caravelle* took off at 10.47 p.m. At 11.02 p.m. it was over Ibiza, at 6,300 m., and climbing at 800 kms./p.h. At 11.05 p.m. the pilots observed, at a distance of about 18 kms. on their port side, two red lights heading towards them on a 250° course (NW.) The aircraft was now at 7,500 m and still climbing, having passed Ibiza (28 kms. behind). The object with the two lights was at an altitude of about 4,500 m. and approaching them at high speed. When they asked the Barcelona Air Traffic Control Centre about it, the Controller Jorge Latonda stated that there were no other aircraft in the Zone. The object then came to a distance of some 700 m. from the port side of the *Caravelle*, and the *Caravelle* then went up to 8,400 m. Very scared by the danger of a collision, the pilots climbed further to 8,700 m., and then maintained that height, at a speed of 800 kms./p.h. Meanwhile, the Military Radars were registering an echo from a large unknown object near the *Caravelle* and moving parallel with it.

Then the object moved ahead of the *Super-Caravelle* and halted, and then returned, and then rose first and afterwards descended — all this with stops, and brusque accelerations impossible to achieve at 800 kms./p.h., the speed that the *Super-Caravelle* was doing. At times the object halted and waited for the aircraft to catch up with it. And then, accelerating from zero to 800 kms./p.h., it continued to escort the aircraft at a distance of about 300 m. At 11.11 p.m. the pilot decided to change course and make for the Manises Airport at Valencia, and he informed Barcelona Control accordingly, at the same time notifying them of all that had been happening. Then the object with the two lights came at them again on a collision course and at an incredible speed. The pilot turned, to a 310° course (N-NW) and proceeded to request authorization to land at Manises. The time was now 11.16 p.m.

After their evasive move to starboard, the *Caravelle* descended to 7,500 m. and headed for the Manises Airport. In the very instant that they turned, the military radars showed an abrupt descent or fall of the UFO by 3,00 m. *in merely 30 seconds*, which means a speed of about 3,600 kms./p.h.

When the *Caravelle* descended to 6,900 m., the object again took up position on their port side, but this time at a distance of some 9 kms. or so, and it continued to escort the aircraft until the latter was down to 4,500 m. Then, when they were some 55 kms. from Valencia, the object finally made off and vanished into the distance, having accompanied the *Super-Caravelle* for some 100kms. The pilot then made his approach run and landed at Manises at 11.50 p.m.

SOURCES: *Incidente en Manises* (*Incident at Manises*), by J.J.Benítez, published in *Colección Realismo Fantástico* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona) 1982. Pages 9-256.

Fuera de Control (*Out of Control*) by Andreas Faber-Kaiser, published by Editorial Planeta S.A., Barcelona, in their *Colección Documento*, 1984, pages 276-289.

Also the entire national Spanish press for November 1979.

CASE NO. 15

DATE: November 12, 1979.
PLACE: (1) Air-Space between Valencia and the Mediterranean near Cape Palos (Murcia Province, S.E. Spain).
(2) Air-Space between Valencia and the Province of Huesca (N.E. Spain).
(3) Air-Space between the Columbretes Islands (Castellón) (these small islands lie between Spain and the Balearic Islands) and the Island of Minorca (Balearic Islands).
TIME: 2.10 a.m. – 3.40 a.m. (Duration: 90 minutes).
WEATHER: Sky clear. Visibility unlimited.
AIRCRAFT: An *AMD-BA Mirage F-1 CE* interceptor-fighter of Wing 14 at the Spanish Air Force Base at Los Llanos (Albacete, S.E. Spain).
CREW: Captain-Pilot Fernando Cámara.
PHENOMENON OBSERVED: Three luminous objects, namely (1) a luminous red object; (2) a luminous object changing colours — green — red — white; and (3) a luminous, very bright white object.
RADAR DETECTION: Probably positive, by Military Radar Stations on Mainland, although not confirmed. *Negative* as regards the aircraft's own radar.
ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT: Inasmuch as a flying object had followed, and had seemed to be on the point of provoking a collision with a *Super-Caravelle* a few hours previously, and as the authorities of the Manises Airport at Valencia had reported that they were seeing strange lights in the sky, at 2.00 a.m. the Air Combat Command at Torrejón Air Force Base (Madrid) ordered the despatch, *"at alert"*, of a *Mirage F-1* fighter. This machine took off at about 2.10 a.m., and when it was airborne, the "Pegasus" Combat Operations Centre of MACOM contacted its pilot by radio, informed him of the incident involving the *Super-Caravelle,* and also told him that the radar staff at Manises were seeing a light at 4,200 m. above the runways, and another light at 2,400 m. above the port at Valencia, both lights being stationary. He was to identify these two lights. They also informed the pilot that there were no other aircraft in the Zone, and that he should *prepare his weaponry.* At a speed of 1,000 kms/p.h. the *Mirage* arrived over Valencia at about 2.20 a.m. Flying at 7,500 m., the pilot tried to find the two lights, but his radar showed nothing, and he could see nothing that was out of the ordinary. Then, as the *Mirage* passed over Valencia, a powerful noise of unknown origin, *"like a siren"*, broke in on all the pilot's channels. Then he caught sight of a strange light towards the south. He received the order to pursue it, and set off after it in the direction of Alicante. The light maintained its distance from him, and would not let him get near it. His radar *did not* detect the light. And the *"siren"* noise disappeared after he had left the Valencia area. Once out over the Mediterranean, beyond the cape, Cabo de Palos (Province of Murcia) and out of Spanish Air-space, the *Mirage* pilot decided to turn back, since the light now seemed to be over the coast of North Africa. The time was now 2.50 a.m.

Then the "Pegasus" Command directed the pilot to Valencia once more, as another light was now to be seen right over that city. When the *Mirage,* on its way back, was 26 kms. from Valencia, the pilot perceived a three-coloured light. It was stationary, and his radar *did not* detect it. He was at a height of 7,500 m. and travelling at 1100 kms./p.h., and when he entered the Valencia Zone again he began to hear the *"siren"* sound once more. The luminous object was at 6,000 m., and when the *Mirage* approached it, the object suddenly accelerated from zero to the same speed as the *Mirage* (1100 kms./p.h.) something which for us it is at present totally impossible to do, inasmuch as no apparatus can stand the sudden acceleration from immobility to such a speed. The light now maintained a certain distance between itself and the fighter, always equalizing its speed to that of the *Mirage.* Then the pilot attempted to use his onboard camera to film the object, *but it jammed.* During the chase, the pilot found that the object was "blocking" him — that is, it seemed to have its own radar system, and was directing it at the *Mirage,* and *knocking out some of his instruments.* All this was being transmitted by the pilot to the "Pegasus" Command Centre, where it was tape-recorded (including the *"siren"* sound).

When the *Mirage* was over the Province of Aragón (N.E. Spain), the "Pegasus" Command, seeing that the chase was proving futile, told the pilot to head now for Sagunto (Valencia) as there was another light being sighted in the sky there. So he did a half-turn, and it was now 3.10 a.m. When a commercial aircraft passed over the Maella Zone, the *Mirage* pilot switched on his radar and got the commercial craft on his scope, so his radar was now functioning all right. This has led the Military authorities to conclude that the unidentified objects possess some mechanism for absorbing or annulling our radar detection systems.

After that, the *Mirage* pilot came down to 3,00 m. in search of the third light of which he had been advised. When he was over Castellón, the *"siren"* started up again, and he saw a very bright white disc stationary over the Mediterranean, near the Columbretes Islands (between the Balearics and Mainland Spain).

When he started to chase this third light, it began to move off, always keeping the same distance from him. Once again his radar *failed* to register it, and the "blocking" process started again, despite his attempts to keep banking for a while.

The chase went on until the *Mirage* was over the Island of Minorca. About 3.30 a.m., with very little fuel left, the pilot started back to his base at Los Llanos, Albacete. As he passed over Valencia, and even as he was making ready to land, the object was tracking him, "blocking" him from the back and cutting out his electronic equipment. On landing, the pilot compiled a complete report.
SOURCES: *Incidente en Manises (Incident at Manises),* by J.J. Benítez, published in the *Colección Realismo Fantástico* by Plaza y Janes S.A., Esplugues de Llobregat (Barcelona), 1982. Pages 9-256.

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A BRIEF STUDY OF UFO BEHAVIOUR

CATEGORIES OF SIGHTINGS:

Air-plus-Ground Visual Sightings, with Radar:	2 cases
Air-Visual Sightings with radar:	5 cases
Air-Visual Sighting only:	6 cases
Air-plus-Ground Visual Sightings:	2 cases

The number of cases where there has been simultaneous follow-through, from various different places, is greater than the number of eyewitnesses situated in any one place, which confirms the veracity of the reports. Likewise, the number of times the UFOs were recorded on the radarscopes serves to underwrite the *reality* of their appearances.

DURATION OF THE INCIDENTS:

From 3 to 5 minutes:	4 cases
From 5 to 15 minutes:	3 cases
From 15 to 30 minutes:	5 cases
From 30 to 90 minutes:	3 cases

There are no cases of less than three minutes. From which we can deduce that the main feature of sightings of UFOs from aircraft is the lengthy duration. And the longer this is, the margin of error in the identification of the phenomenon by the eyewitnesses is that much less.

POSITIONS TAKEN UP BY UFOS VIS-A-VIS AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT:

On the port side:	7 cases
In Front:	4 cases
On starboard side:	2 cases
Behind:	1 case

So it is clearly seen that in general the UFOs prefer to place themselves *on the port side of an aircraft,* though for brief periods of time they can also adopt other positions. The reason for this behaviour is totally unknown to us. (Only in one of the cases is the position of the UFO vis-à-vis the aircraft not specified.)

As regards the distances between the UFOs and the aircraft, these can vary between very short (three cases where it was under 30 m.), medium (seven cases of between 100 m. and 300 m.) and far (four cases of between 3 kms. and 10 kms.).

THE SPEEDS DEVELOPED BY UFOS:
One of the principal features observed is the innumerable changes in speed that one UFO may display during the course of an incident. Another parameter to be emphasised is that many UFOs, during their approach and subsequent pursuit of the aircraft, adapt their speeds to the speed of the aircraft. Particularly to be noted are the descriptions of the speed of the UFOs as given by the pilots who have been eyewitnesses: *"incredible"; "incalculable"; "enormous"; "immense",* etc. Confirmation of this in some of the speeds recorded on the radarscopes: 33,000 kms./p.h.; 70,000 kms./p.h.; 3,600 kms./p.h. Speeds of such a kind are unthinkable for aircraft at the present time — particularly the first two speeds mentioned.

VARIOUS EFFECTS OF UFOS ON AIRCRAFT:
At times the electronic systems of aircraft suffer the effects of the action, be it voluntary, or be it involuntary, of unknown powers seemingly produced by the UFOs. In the present study, we have two cases where the aircraft's radio suffered interference or failed totally. In another case, the aircraft was affected by having its photographic equipment blocked, and subsequently there was the jamming of other electronic equipment and the production of a noise like that of a *"siren"* on all the aircraft's radio channels.

THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE UFOS IN THE VICINITY OF AIRCRAFT:
The most common parameter, in this matter of the behaviour displayed by the UFOs, is the pursuing or the escorting of aircraft, as is evident in twelve of the fifteen cases included in the Catalogue. In two other cases the UFOs permitted aircraft to pursue *them* — at a prudent distance. As regards the remaining case, the UFO made a "close observation" approach to the commercial aircraft, and then continued on its own way in a different direction.

The typical comportment of a UFO in the vicinity of an aircraft can be summed up as follows: approach; adjustment of speed to speed of the aircraft; accompaniment of aircraft on a parallel course; and, at times, simultaneous execution of various movements around the aircraft, after which comes the acceleration of the UFO and its disappearance in the distance. All of which unquestionably proves that, as one of their priorities, *the UFOs are displaying a great interest in our aircraft, both civil and military.*

As regards the manoeuvres of the UFOs around the aircraft, these are of a multiple character and pertain in no way to the features and capacities of the conventional aircraft known to us. As regards the details of such manoeuvres, we observe the following:–

Phases of immobility during flight.
Rises and falls at unthinkable speeds.
Instantaneous halting with no previous deceleration.
Instant attainment of incalculable speeds starting from total immobility.
Right-angle turns, etc.

In a number of cases it was reported that the UFO came straight at the aircraft at high speed and on a collision course and then, just when the shock seemed imminent the UFO abruptly reduced speed or performed a turn, thus avoiding the fatal encounter.

It must also be emphasised that, in a few cases, the UFO replied quite adequately to the light signals received from the aircraft. In one actual case, there was a real interchange of signals, with the UFO responding to the aircraft's signals (repeated switching on and off of the aircraft's lights) with changes in the intensity of its own brightness. In another case, when the aircraft made light signals, the UFO instantly halted its approach.

OTHER FEATURES FOR CONSIDERATION:
Finally, one must emphasise that in one of the cases, the UFO possessed certain very significant structural details: *two windows.* This would appear to indicate that it was a vehicle carrying a *crew.*

This same impression of control appears also to be indicated by the numerous manoeuvres of a totally *premeditated* character that the UFOs perform: pursuit, flight, accompaniment of aircraft.

CONCLUSIONS:
Deriving from the general evaluation of the cases included in the present study, a series of constant features associated with UFO sightings present themselves: movements upwards at unbelievable speeds; horizontal and downwards movements also of an incalculable rapidity. Right-angle turns. Very tight turns. Abrupt accelerations and halts; sudden appearances and disappearances on the radar screens; temporal immobility in the air without sound; seeming absence of any propulsion systems. Unconventional shapes, dimensions, colours, and luminosity, etc. all of which produces a pattern of features in no way resembling the devices of aerial navigation known to us at the present day.

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A PERFECT MOLE?

By John Squareman

It has recently been learned that, in a letter addressed to Mr Colin Andrews on February 9, 1988, by a Mr Paul Fuller of Romsey, Hampshire, widely known already as Britain's second-most important and second-most prominent expert on the UFO Problem, Mr Fuller has indicated that he has secured the "Scoop of the Century". **For he claims that Gordon Creighton, current Editor of *Flying Saucer Review,* is a Ministry of Defence "mole" who has been infiltrated into the UFO research field in order to discredit all serious or valid investigation of the subject.**

No further information regarding these shocking matters seems to have been released yet. But it is understood that Mr Fuller is preparing a book. Readers interested in securing further details should therefore address themselves to him direct.

This is the second major horror unearthed by the Randles-Fuller Axis, for it will be recalled that, some time ago, namely in the pages of Britain's top magazine THE UNKNOWN (issues for months of July, August and September of 1986 with supporting material in following issues) J. Randles had already reported on an allegedly scurrilous and scandalous affair, "THE MYSTERY OF A.P.E.N." of the early and mid-1970s. **In his masterly coverage of the story, J. Randles showed that the evil Nazi material disseminated by "A.P.E.N." had in fact been produced by Gordon Creighton, and had indeed been ordered by the latter on FSR's account, from FSR's then printers, (Sanderson Design & Print, of Reading) and had then been infiltrated and delivered on Creighton's instructions to Mrs Enid Grattan-Guinness of Barnet along with the printed consignments of the FSR. (Mrs Grattan-Guinness being at that date the lady in charge of FSR subscriptions and distribution, etc.)**

NOTE BY EDITOR

All good, interesting stuff!

No individual at present connected with FSR, and no person still living who was ever connected in any way with FSR in the past, recalls having ever seen the slightest scrap of paper or document throwing any light on anything called "A.P.E.N.", a term which accordingly remains completely unknown to us. Since legal action has naturally not been ruled out, we shall be interested to see anything about this mysterious "A.P.E.N." that anyone can send us. Our previous requests for such material have yielded nothing at all, and our present estimation is that the whole thing is just another scurrilous and libellous fabrication such as one ought to expect from such quarters. As to the identity of the originator and promoter of the "A.P.E.N." story, our readers are unlikely to have any difficulty in arriving at their own conclusions. Like the ridiculous and childish story about the "M.O.D. Mole", they will identify it as yet further proof of the fertility and inventiveness of mind of the most monumental and egregious liars at large in our country today. — G.C.

WORMHOLES AND FASTER-THAN-LIGHT TRAVEL: LATEST NEWS

Paul Whitehead, NCTJ Cert., FSR Consultant

American scientists have claimed breakthroughs in the controversial areas of faster-than-light travel and travel into other dimensions via wormholes.

Articles in "*Electronics & Wireless World*" and "*The Times*" (29th November 1988) posed the question "Is travel faster than the speed of light possible?" And an article in a November issue of the computer newspaper, "*Datalink*", stated:- "Travels in time are just a few more mips away".

All these journals are British – we would welcome any news direct from the U.S.A. about these new theories and breakthroughs.

The Times reported:- "The result of an experiment that contradicts one of the basic tenets of science is stirring controversy in the world of research. The discovery challenges the 'scientific fact' that nothing can travel faster than light."

The light barrier may be broken in much the same way that the sound barrier can be broken, the newspaper said.

Electronics & Wireless World gave further details. It described a series of measurements made with a "special electronic circuit", showing that "electrical signals can travel faster than light".

The methods used in the experiments have been scrutinised by a British Scientist, Dr Harold Aspden, who stated:- "There is no obvious flaw in the equipment; the experiments were well conducted, and the findings seem to be correct."

The idea for the experiment was prompted by a group of astronomers from the Max Planck Institute who reported tracking a number of galaxies *which appeared to be travelling faster than the speed of light.*

An American instrument maker, Alexis Obolensky, believed the effect giving rise to the observation might be reproduced in the laboratory.

His apparatus includes the latest advances in sensitive electronic analysers used to detect the first signs of an incoming electrical signal.

The measurements show that just before the main transmitted pulse arrives, a small signal arrives. It is about 1 per cent of the energy of the main signal travelling behind it, "and it has to be travelling at twice the speed of light", according to *The Times*.

Mr Obolensky said he found the smaller signal "by looking for a type of signal that nobody has bothered to look for before." He has offered no explanations for his findings.

Wormholes

In the *Datalink* article, it was stated:- "Colossal super-powered computers may one day enable spacemen to fulfil man's eternal dream to travel through time."

Three physicists proposed the idea in a paper on the future of space travel. They claimed to have discovered wormholes in the Universe which connect different time spaces.

"Computers capable of making 10,000 million calculations every second could be used to locate their whereabouts said *Datalink*.

(In computer jargon, the term "millions of instructions per second" is often used instead of "calculations per second" – hence the term 'mips' – Editor.)

Dr Michael Morris, of the Universitv of Wisconsin, said:- "Travelling into the past hitherto has been considered inherently and theoretically impossible."

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*Wormholes have been theorised about for the past two decades at least. If they exist they may link up different time zones or different dimensions.

INTERESTING PHENOMENON NOTED ON A CHINESE TRAIN

Chris Line, FSR Consultant

While travelling in China in 1987 I had an interesting experience which, although not a "UFO experience", may nevertheless shed some light on certain associated secondary effects in UFO cases (i.e. watches stopped, electrical blackouts, etc.)

I took a train from Chengdu (Ch'eng-Tu) in Sichuan Province, West China, to Lanzhou (Lan-Chou) in Gansu Province, North-West China. The train was electric and the journey took approx. 24 hours.

During the journey I met an American who was also going to Lanzhou. On arriving there, we found a hotel and unpacked, only to discover that both our quartz alarm-clocks had lost exactly (within a minute or two) half an hour. This was relative to our wristwatches, which in my own case had been set *from the alarm-clock* the previous day.

We were very surprised and could think of no explanation; later it occurred to me that the probable cause was this:-

My clock and my American friend's clock had been in our respective rucksacks, which were stowed on the luggage-rack (above head-height in Chinese trains). The electromagnetic field around the overhead power-lines for the train had caused the clocks to lose half an hour over a 24 hour period. This had not affected my wristwatch as it was mechanical and it had not affected my friend's wristwatch (which was quartz) either, due to the greater distance from the power-lines to our wrists than from the power-lines to near the roof of the coach (position of the luggage on the rack).

This brings up a couple of interesting points: if an electromagnetic field can slow down a quartz clock, it could no doubt *stop* it if it were stronger. Do people, who report "watch-stopping secondary effects" when observing UFOs, discriminate between quartz watches and mechanical watches, and are both types of watch stopped?

Since the 1950s there have been reports of watches stopped by UFOs, but the early cases were rare, and occurred only when the person was very close to the UFO. Truman Bethurum claimed that he had got through *two* watches (mechanical type) during his numerous contacts. A watchmaker expressed the view that the watches had been exposed to strong magnetic forces.

However, there are no reports from the 1950s of a *number of watches* stopping when a UFO flew over a certain area – because the magnetic forces involved would have been too weak (at the distance involved) to affect a mechanical watch.

Today, the position is quite different, as we have I.C. (integrated Circuit) watches with no moving parts; quartz watches with a small electrical motor; and mechanical watches. Consequently, it is not surprising that many watches are stopped when a UFO flies over. (See "*UFO Chase In China*" in FSR 32/6 (1987)

The first-named of the above mentioned categories of watches (I.C. watches) are very sensitive to high-energy electromagnetic radiation (microwaves and x-rays will interfere with integrated circuits – i.e. computers).

The second-mentioned category (quartz watches) would be sensitive to electromagnetic fields of much weaker intensity than would affect mechanical watches, and also may be disturbed by certain oscillating fields.

The last category (mechanical watches) would only be affected by strong magnetic or gravitational fields.

Therefore, a survey of the kind of watches stopped, and of their distance from the UFO at the time of stopping, could give valuable clues to the type of field surrounding the craft or entity and the type of radiations emitted.

I suspect that cases in which *a number of watches* have stopped have only occurred since the introduction of electric/electronic watches.

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These examples display a comportment by the UFOs, which is seemingly intelligent and rational. Which suggests to us, as the most probable of explanations for these sightings, that we are dealing with mechanical devices directed by thinking beings whose origin is still unknown to us.

The presence of the UFOs here reveals in a disturbing fashion the evident existence of some mission or objective — maybe the desire to observe the possible influences that they might be able to bring to bear on human activities. However the situation may be, great prudence is called for so that in due course the hypothesis presented here may be either confirmed or invalidated, and much newer and more abundant information is still required if a serious study of the problem is to be achieved and completed.

Sabadell, September 1987

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, and so he takes this opportunity to thank all who write to him.

Aliens in Danger from Aids?

Dear Editor, — With the proliferation of UFO abduction cases throughout the world, has any UFO researcher considered the serious implications that could arise if UFO occupants take body fluids from individuals who may be AIDS carriers?

No doubt, the AIDS epidemic has shocked our awareness on the hazards of high risk behavior and the incurability of the virus; however, with the growing number of abductees, an unbelievable source for spreading the disease could be triggered by the entities, if they are NOT cognizant on the health of those that they are taking body fluids from! In abduction cases where samplings of blood, sperm or ova (indicating experiments in genetic engineering) are reported, in my opinion all future abductees are put at risk, let alone the possible hybrid, if *the identical instruments* are used again — which seems likely.

So, an AIDS abductee captured inadvertently presents a mightily unsettling thought. On the other hand, there is nothing that any of us can do!

Sincerely,
Joan H. Laurino,
4340 Kirkham St.,
San Francisco, CA 94122.
December 13, 1988.

I lay no claim to any special knowledge on such esoteric matters. But if Ms Laurino will take a look at page 12 of this issue, she will see there an article written by a man living in her own State of California who puts up quite a powerful argument that AIDS might *just possibly* have been planted in us by "them" in the first place! And an identical view was announced in February 1988 by the Dutch virologist Dr. Reinout Decker. Several British scientists have also already hinted at the possibility of an "alien" source for AIDS. — EDITOR

"Banana Skins for *Orion*"

Dear Gordon, — In FSR 33/3 (September 1988), in the article *"Banana Skins For 'Orion',* you mention the notorious "El-Legions".

I have just received a publication written by "Michael El-Legion", whose exploits ae indeed legion, I suppose. In it he states that Aurora, his wife, died of liver cancer at the end of 1985. They had been using several pseudonyms over the years, namely *"Bo",* and *"Peep",* and *"Te"* and *"Do".* I thought these nicknames were most appropriate. *"Bo"* and *"Peep",* which reminds us of the children's nursery rhyme, suggested the naiveté of those who believe the fairy tales told by the "El-Legions". *"Te"* and *"Do"* are, of course, part of the musical scale, and fit exactly the "high notes" taken by the two — namely *high denominations of banknotes!*

The media here in Canada, always seeking to put a bit of humour into their public broadcasts and articles, lapped up the "El-Legion" meetings, and attended the press conferences at which "The Two" publicized their speeches. One may indeed say that "The Two" certainly became *"note-orious"* in the history of frauds and hoaxers within the UFO scene.

On another note of hilarity, in the same issue of FSR your correspondent William T. Sherwood of Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A., had some interesting comments on "contactees", and I had to laugh out loud when he mentioned Oscar Magosci. Magosci was promoted by a disreputable UFO group in northern New York for several years. One of the members of that group, who lives in Canada, has a room full to the ceiling with copies of Magosci's two books. Fortunately, the books lost money.

I personally questioned Magosci at the Metropolitan Toronto Public Library's main branch several years ago. He avoided answering every question put to him, and could not look anyone in the eye. He is a known hoaxer and is the subject of instant laughter whenever reputable ufologists get together in Toronto. His first book, like his second one, was pure science-fiction, badly written, with one scene (the bar scene) taken directly from the film *"Star Wars".* Magosci is a lonely man who seeks publicity and any UFO study group that believes his story is not of any value whatsoever for our cause, except maybe as an *example* of people who are prepared to believe anything they read or hear!

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